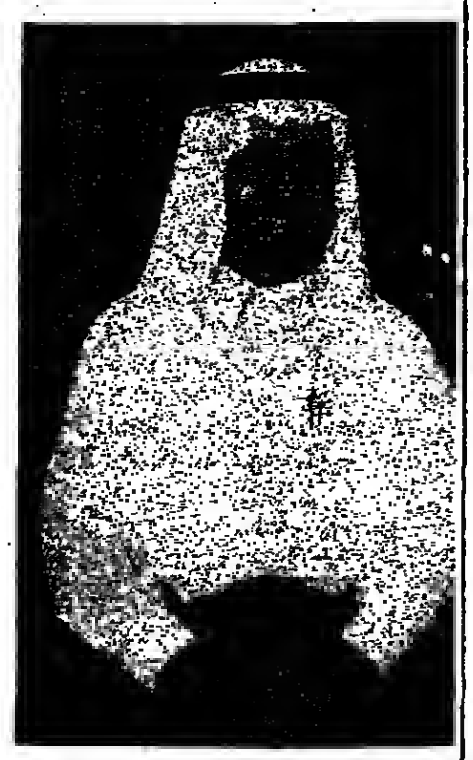


Majed appointed Mecca governor

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, March 19 — Prince Majed ibn Abdul Aziz was appointed governor of Mecca Wednesday.
King Khaled accepted the Prince's resignation as minister of municipal and rural affairs before issuing the royal decrees announced Wednesday by the Royal Cabinet.
Other royal decrees appointed three new governors for Tabuk, Hail and Qassim. They are Princes Abdul Majeed ibn Abdul Aziz who replaces Sheikh Sulaiman Al-Turki Al-Sudairi, Muqren ibn Abdul Aziz who replaces Sheikh Nasser ibn Abdul ibo Al Sheikh and Abdul Ilah ibn Abdul Aziz who replaces Prince Fahd ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman.
Prince Majed, who had been minister since 1975, replaces Prince Fawaz ibn Abdul Aziz, who resigned late last year for health reasons. He was born in October 1938, received regular schooling in Riyadh and received court education at his father's palace when the Kingdom was still in formative stage. His education covered religion, economics and public administration. He is said to have a knack for foreign languages and speaks English and French quite well. His reading in social history and culture are said to be extensive giving him command of contemporary Arab and European affairs and cultures.
The three new governors are some of the youngest sons of King Abdul Aziz and these are their first public offices.
Their appointment indicates the King's desire to infuse new and younger blood into the administration of these important provinces. Tabuk is the northernmost province of the Kingdom bordering Jordan and has a cantonment named after King Khaled. Hail and Qassim, both of which lie north of Riyadh, are mainly agricultural regions which are being developed to become the bread basket of the country by the end of the forthcoming Third Five-Year Plan. They have extensive irrigation projects.



Prince Majed

Receives thanks from Khomeini King meets Australian, Qatari aides

RIYADH, March 19 — King Khaled Wednesday separately received the Australian deputy premier and commerce minister, the Qatari foreign minister and a cable of thanks from Ayatollah Khomeini.
The Australian T. D. Anthony, who arrived Tuesday, attended a meeting with Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.
Wednesday evening the king received Sheikh Suhaim ibn Hamad Al-Thani, Qatar's foreign minister, who arrived earlier in the day.

In Sanaa Ambassador meets with president

SANAA, March 19 (SPA) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Trad Al Harethi discussed bilateral relations here Wednesday.
Harethi was received Tuesday by Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani to discuss ways to foster bilateral ties.
Earlier this week, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan said Saudi Arabian-

import of meat, livestock, wheat and other items.
The two sides expressed their satisfaction of trade expansion and their readiness to develop such trade for the benefit of the two countries. They also discussed alleys of cooperation in the fields of commerce, agriculture, industry and import/export.
The meeting was attended by Deputy Commerce Minister Yusuf Al-Hamdan, Deputy Minister for Supply Tawfiq Ibrahim; heads of chambers of commerce and industry in Saudi Arabia, and representatives from the ministries of petroleum and mineral resources, agriculture, health, industry, communications and foreign affairs, as well as the delegation accompanying the Australian minister.
In another development the air freight costs of top quality chilled Australian meat have been lowered and standardized to all Middle Eastern countries, including Saudi Arabia, by the Australian flag carrier, Qantas. The new rate is around SR4.20 per kilogram and will apply to all chilled meat shipments regardless of destination. This compares with the previous cost of around SR8 per kilo between Sydney and Jeddah.

Destroy five Soviet carriers Afghan Muslims shoot down MiGs

ISLAMABAD, March 19 (Ageodics) — Afghan freedom fighters claimed Wednesday to have shot down two Soviet MiG jet fighters and destroyed five armored personnel carriers in their fight against the Soviet-backed government of President Babrak Karmal.
Pakistan Press International, the Pakistani news agency, reported the fighter's claim that the two aircraft were shot down over Shapghazi in the eastern province of Nangarhar. The five armored vehicles were reportedly destroyed in the same place, the agency said. They say they have killed nearly 100 Afghan government troops and 12 Soviet soldiers since January, when Soviet troops entered Afghanistan to back Karmal's embattled government.
The report said the freedom fighters attacked a government military post at Sarkhan bridge on the Kabul-Jalalabad highway, "killing and wounding several soldiers." The report did not give information on Muslim casualties.
The fighters said they also attacked a government military convoy near Gokaghan bridge in the western province of Herat, killing a number of government and Soviet troops and seizing a large quantity of arms and ammunition.
They said they "arrested" Afghan troops. The Muslims took shelter in a nearby forest before large Soviet reinforcements arrived to help the Afghan soldiers.
In Kabul the Karmal government is taking steps to mobilize more soldiers and civilians to fight Muslims in Afghanistan.
Efforts are being made to involve the local population in security tasks and persuade them that the insurgents are not genuine Muslims.
The ruling revolutionary council has issued a decree calling on men of 21 for military duties in early spring. It said provincial governments should send to their units soldiers and police "who have left without official leave as well as others who have so far hesitated in reporting to the local recruiting centers."
The decree said the communications ministry would give priority to telephone calls about the call-up of recruits.
The transport ministry would provide recruiting centers with vehicles and the health ministry would assign a large number of doctors to accelerate the examination of conscripts.

Military delegation from Aden in Sanaa

NICOSIA, March 19 (AP) — South Yemeni Defense Minister Col. Ali Ahmed Nasser Antar arrived here Wednesday accompanied by a military delegation, the Gulf News Agency reported from Sanaa.
The agency quoted sources in the North Yemeni capital as saying the visit was within the framework of cooperation and coordination between the military commands of the two Yemens "in the quest of higher goals of the Yemeni people in unity."
The South Yemeni delegation will attend the graduation of a new batch of North Yemeni officers in Sanaa, the agency added.
The visit followed a trip to Aden by Col. Hassan Daffie, member of the Consultative Council and adviser of North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.
Daffie returned to Sanaa earlier in the day after delivering a letter from Saleh to South Yemeni President Abdul Farah Ismail. Contents of the letter were not disclosed.
The agency quoted Daffie as saying North and South Yemeni unity commissions "will continue their work for the achievement of the higher goal of unity."

On Palestinian autonomy Carter sets summit talks

Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, March 19 — President Jimmy Carter will hold talks separately with President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin in Washington next month, the White House announced Wednesday.
The talks will be held at the president's retreat in the Catskill mountains sometime in April in a final attempt to salvage the Palestinian autonomy talks before the May 26 deadline, authoritative American sources said.
Carter has resisted holding another summit until now because of domestic political considerations, the sources added.
The president reportedly feared that if the summit failed to achieve the desired results, his re-election chances would be seriously damaged.
But following his solid victory over Democratic challenger Senator Edward Kennedy in the Illinois primary Tuesday, the president is confident he will win re-election and eventual election in November, sources said.
An exact date for the summit has not been set.

Friendly Arab Gulf states were also engaged in a serious effort to persuade Carter to pressure Israel into concessions, the diplomats said.
But Sadat said in Cairo Wednesday that Israel has fulfilled the first part of its obligations to Egypt though its real intentions will become clear on the May 26 deadline for the Palestinian autonomy talks.
His remarks at a time of chilly relations between the two countries on the ongoing Middle East peace talks indicated that, contrary to Begin, he considers May 26 as a firm deadline instead of a vague target date.
In an address to the Egyptian Doctors' Association, Sadat also reiterated Egypt's deouocution of Israel's continuing settlement policy and criticized Arab countries for ostracizing Egypt on account of the peace pact which Israel.
"We are solving the problem of the Middle East," Sadat emphasized "Israel has fulfilled the first part of its obligations towards us. But on May 26 Israel will have to prove to the world its real intentions concerning an overall settlement."
Egypt and Israel established diplomatic relations on Feb. 26.
Although Sadat did not say what would happen if no agreement was reached, his minister of state for foreign affairs said recently the "quality" of relations between

the two countries would be affected.
In an address to American immigrants in northern Israel Monday, Begin said Israel does not consider the May deadline final but he expressed hope an agreement would be reached by then at least on the main issues of self rule for the Palestinians.
The two-month old talks are now bogged down because seeks to give the Palestinians minimal rule and Egypt maximum power. The controversy is further complicated by Israel's continuing settlement policy which Egypt and the United States have labelled an obstacle to peace in the region.
In Tel Aviv Israeli newspapers reported Wednesday that U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale plans a Middle East visit to speed up Palestinian autonomy talks and that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman had secret talks at the weekend with an unnamed country.
There has been no official confirmation of a forthcoming visit by Mondale, nor of Weizman's talks.
The daily Yediot Aharanot said Mondale's visit had been suggested Tuesday by President Carter in a telephone talk with Prime Minister Menahem Begin.
Another newspaper Maariv quoting senior government sources, said that Weizman had briefed Begin Tuesday night on his talks. It did not say who the meeting was with or what was discussed.

'Secret military talks' Weizman visits S. Africa

TEL AVIV, March 19 (AP) — Defense Minister Ezer Weizman made a secret three-day trip to South Africa last week, apparently to discuss military cooperation, Israeli radio reported Wednesday.
The radio report was attributed to government sources. It followed a foreign report that Israel had cooperated with South Africa to explode an atomic or neutron bomb last September.
According to Maariv newspaper, Weizman returned last Friday and reported directly to Prime Minister Menahem Begin in a private

Israelis deny Arab mayors access to college protest

TEL AVIV, March 19 (R) — Israeli roadblocks Wednesday prevented Palestinian mayors from attending a protest demonstration against a decision by Israeli military authorities to close a West Bank university college.
A military spokesman confirmed that the authorities ordered several days ago the closure within two weeks of a college at Abu Dis village on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Israel fears the college is the nucleus for a Palestinian university in Jerusalem, military sources said.
The spokesman said the college was set up two years ago despite repeated denials for a permit since there was no justification for it.
"The 36 students at Abu Dis can attend any of the other three proper universities, five teachers colleges, three universities for Islamic studies and a technical college which exist in the West Bank," the spokesman said.
But the Palestinian mayor of Hebron, Fahd Kawasme, who was prevented from reaching a demonstration by several dozen students at

meeting lasting four hours.
Israel has maintained active diplomatic and economic ties with South Africa, but, because of international and internal opposition, has often played down the links. There was a public outcry in Israel in February, when then-finance minister Simcha Ehrlich made an official visit to Johannesburg.
South African spokesmen have said that the country has made extensive arms purchases from Israel, including the Israeli-built Reshet patrol boat, small arms, and other equipment.
The objective of Weizman's mission was not known. Weizman has been involved in many policy decisions not directly related to defense, but Israeli political analysts Daniel Bloch said in a radio interview that, according to his information, it could be assumed that the visit was concerned with military cooperation.
Foreign ministers have reported cooperation between the two countries on ocean research. The most recent report was last month by the Colombia Broadcasting System, which broke Israeli censorship rules with a story that Israel and South Africa cooperated to explode a nuclear test bomb over the Atlantic Ocean last September. A later report from the United States said the blast was an advanced neutron bomb.

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Fahd's announcement signals new era

By Muhammad Ali Hafiz

No doubt Saudi Arabia is at the threshold of a major political evolution since Crown Prince Fahd announced the government will draft a basic system for government and will set up a Shoura or consultative council.

This proves the Kingdom is acting with determination to lay down the basis of a lasting relationship between authorities and the various sectors of the country's society. The pattern to be applied here is a sophistication of modern democracy as advocated or aspired for by all people and organizations.

That pattern or system of government which will soon prevail here, is based on the Sharia or Islamic Law as it should. It is an option accepted by both the governor and the governed. In other words, the country's constitution which we call a system of government will rest on the injunctions of the Holy Koran. Only the spirit of the Holy Koran will prevail and this will be guarded by the Supreme Council of the Judiciary — known in other systems as the Supreme or the Higher Constitutional Court. Thus the council will be one of the pillars of the new system.

To be eclectic and benefit from the experience of other constitutional systems worldwide, there will be the Shoura

Council — known elsewhere as the House of Deputies, the State Council or the People's Assembly or the Senate. This council will represent the people. At the beginning, the deputies will be selected or appointed. This will not be a shortfall in the system or its structure as such, since what really matters is its attributions and powers. In addition, the people whom this council represents will enter a phase of learning through experience and training on how to share in governing.

It goes without saying that the work of the council, while discharging its responsibility and ruling, will be enhanced together with the way of choosing its members. The more we press forward with the experiment, the more public opinion will come into play as a progressive process. In the end, we shall reach a stage at which the public will be able by its free choice to elect directly its own representatives to the Shoura Council. And this will proceed in a way that ensures a sound and genuine choice while respecting the Islamic principle that says "Can those who have knowledge and those who have not be equal?"

The Supreme Council of the Judiciary and the Shoura Council will constitute what is known in our contemporary world as the executive, except that this executive

is slightly different under the Islamic system. It is the executive authority which rules through a Council of Ministers headed by the prime minister. However, it will still be the King — or father of the nation — chosen and proclaimed King according to the Islamic style governing the relationship between the King and the people — It will still be the King who will be the highest and the final source of decision making for all that concerns both the state and the people; and this doesn't exist in other systems. In other words, his opinion, his decision and his authority will be above all other bodies and authorities.

Whatever turns or shapes the government and its bodies might take, the citizens will continue to regard their Father as the only person who can judge among them with justice.

This quick and brief background gives us an idea about the hard task awaiting those men who will devote all their time to working out the articles of the Basic System of Government. But whatever such difficulties, this task will have to be fulfilled, if only because we shall not be able to know our good and bad aspects unless we undergo the experiment in full and enhance it till it goes in line with our characteristics and our terms.

The experiment is new, democratic and Islamic.

With electric company

Saudi Cable signs SR35m contract

By Gregory Llewellyn

DAMMAM, March 19 — Saudi Cable Company (SCC) and Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO) signed a contract on Tuesday valued at approximately SR 35 million whereby SCC will supply 8 million linear feet of direct burial cable to SCECO.

In the largest single-company order SCECO has made to date, the deal will provide low tension (60 volt) aluminum wire cable in four different sizes, to be used throughout the province.

Sheikh Khaled Alireza, Chairman of SCC, flew from Jeddah in the company of other SCC officials to sign the contract.

Representing SCECO, Managing Director, E.T. Bowen, told Arab News that the deal would help the Eastern Province electric company upgrade existing services and extend them to new subscribers.

SCECO's distribution to 150,000 metered

customers supplies both residential and industrial needs as part of the program to spread electrification throughout an area which has experienced 35% annual growth.

SCC won the contract against what Bowen termed "enormous competition" in which 38 different countries from all parts of the world tendered bids.

To absorb less than 20% of SCC's existing production capacity, the SCECO contract "comes to the heart of the company's manufacturing capability," said Omar Khalafati, SCC president, who accompanied Alireza to Damman.

Although it will utilize all of the Jeddah-based company's capabilities, the supply of cable to SCECO will require no increase in manpower or equipment, Khalafati went on to explain.

The company aims this year to secure 25% of the SR 800 million market for low and medium tension cables and 3% of the overall

market.

Despite excess capacity, SCC, which employs 230, has undertaken a SR 500 million 3-year expansion program which will raise its production capacity by a factor of 2½. Envisaged in the improvement of its facilities are the production of medium tension cable (up to 66 megavolts) and a copper rod mill. A feasibility study for a branch plant in the Eastern Province is under way. The contract with SCECO is the first SCC has signed with the Western Province electric company.

SCECO, which came into existence with Royal Decree M 63 of August, 1976, incorporated 26 former companies with the power-generating facilities of ARAMCO.

The company occupied its new headquarters on the Damman-Al Khobar Road two weeks ago.

Despite several large contracts SCC secured in the past two months, the company is still capable of taking any size production orders, one spokesman for the company said.



AIRLINES MEET: Officials from Saudia and Middle East Airlines meet for an evening social Tuesday. They are (from left to right): Reda Hakim, vice president of external affairs for Saudi Arabian Airlines; Salim A. Salam, general manager of international government affairs for MEA; Sheikh Nasser Al Assaf, Saudi Arabia's president of civil aviation; Lebanese ambassador to the Kingdom, Zafer Elhassan; Sheikh Muhammad Said Banaja, deputy director general (administrative) of Saudia; Ibrahim Jamal, MEA assistant vice-president and manager for Saudi Arabia and Yemeni Arab Republic.

Saudia-MEA

Airline officials renew friendship bonds

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, March 19 — The Arab Airlines Carrier Organization is discussing methods to work together in solving common problems, an airline official said Wednesday.

Salim A. Salam, general manager of international and government affairs for Middle Eastern Airlines, said that presently AACO is having talks on joint problems in overhauling aircraft air-frames and engines. "We would share ideas and work. If Saudia Airlines need their 747s overhauled, MEA would perform the services, also MEA has some L-1011 aircraft that Saudia could service," he said.

The AACO is comprised of Saudi, Middle East, Kuwait, Gulf and Jordan Airlines.

Salam headed a delegation from MEA airlines to visit management officials from Saudia. The courtesy visit permitted the delegation to become acquainted with new members of Saudia management, and in turn, Salam introduced the new MEA manager to Saudi Arabia and Yemeni Arab Republic, Ibrahim M. Jamal.

"This is the first time since 1975 we have sent a team to contact other airlines," Salam said. Lebanon has been going through so much turmoil, we were unable to get away," However, Salam added, "We felt we were losing high-level contacts with our Arab friends, so we sent this team. Also, I thought



MEA: Salim A. Salam, general manager of international and government affairs for Middle East Airlines during an interview with Arab News at the Sheraton Hotel.

this would be a good chance to introduce our new manager."

The delegation, which was made up of general and commercial management, operations, technical, public relations and financial representatives, is visiting various airlines

throughout the Middle East. But because of MEA's "very good relationship" with Saudia, the company decided to come to Saudi Arabia first, according to Salam.

The team visited the new airport, Saudia flight training center, and its computerized reservation center. "I was fascinated with Saudia's progress," Salam said. He added that the company had specialized and progressed very well. Saudia also has a "wet lease" with MEA for three 747s, which MEA services and flies for the Saudia company.

Saudia and MEA also have an airlines pool on a Jeddah-Beirut route. Through committees on the AACO, tariffs and finances are regulated to prevent a dog-eat-dog competition. "We compete in services — everyone tries to better the other airlines service. It is fair competition, but we don't try to undercut fares," Salam said. He added that after meeting representatives from the other airlines for a long period, the visit to the Kingdom was profitable socially.

"We were delighted to have made the visit and glad to have seen the progress civil aviation and the airlines have made here. We are very proud and wish we could be like them. Saudia is the one airline in the Middle East that is progressing faster than all the other airlines."

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Up 23 per cent

Saudia handles record passengers

By Joseph Akyay

JEDDAH, March 19 — Saudia's January passenger traffic was up 23.82 per cent over the same month last year. Records were set for revenue-passenger boardings, passenger kilometers, on time performance and load factors.

During January, the airline said, it carried 667,397 passengers. Last year it carried

539,021 passengers for the same period. The figures show a 23.82 per cent increase. Saudia revenue passenger kilometers for the same period was 736,721 with an increase of 24.84 per cent from last year. Freight ton kilometers totaled 17,708 for the same period, a 33.78 per cent increase over last year.

Also, in January the airline's time performance improved 83.08 per cent, which means that only 16.92 per cent of Saudia flights were delayed for more than 15 minutes. The figure shows an improvement of its 81.0 per cent of last year. Saudia is trying to improve its flight performance to cope with the local media's criticism of its delayed flights.

As for Saudia passenger load factors, the domestic showed a decline from 72 in 1979, to 67 in 1980. It also showed a reduction in the international load factor from 54 in 1979 to 51 in 1980.

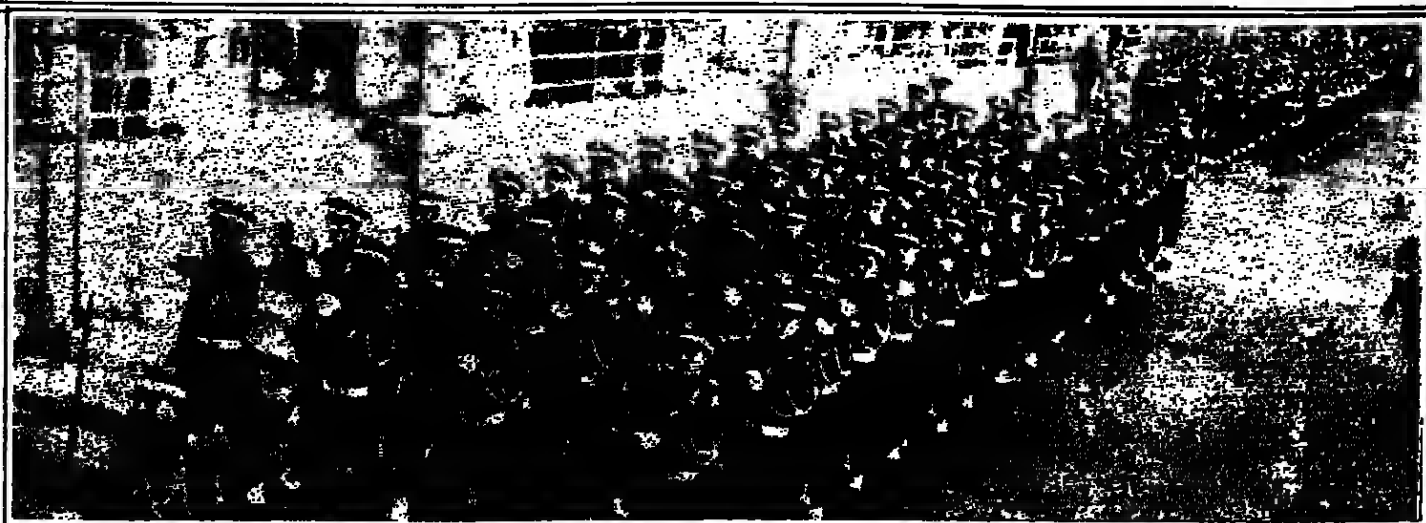
Saudia, it seems is steadily improving its traffic services and flight performance, while reducing its load factors to ensure safety to its operations.

Meanwhile, Saudia is launching an advertising campaign to promote its new route to Mogadishu, Somalia and Nairobi, Kenya which is scheduled to begin on the first of next month.

The campaign is designed to tackle a whole range of local marketing tasks. Ahmed Turki, manager of Saudia's advertising department explained "we are going to announce the new route by supporting ads in the local media, and sale letters to travel agents and companies". He added that the advertising campaign is now underway.

The advertising department has just finished the production of car stickers in Arabic and English, a yearly planner for 1980, appointed sales letters. Saudia advertising items will be distributed by the sales promotion department of Saudia.

Meanwhile, General Manager for Africa and Yemen region of Saudia marketing said that the decision to open the new route to Mogadishu and Nairobi was taken after a lengthy economic study. The route will operate Wednesday and Saturday from Jeddah to Nairobi with one stop at Mogadishu.



MARCH: About 415 officers and cadets marched from Justice Square past Zahira Square to National Guard Street in Riyadh to mark the 25th anniversary of the King Abdul Aziz military Academy. Lt. Col Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Shahri, the academy's administration officer gave a speech about the academy and its programs.

Calls for understanding

Police chief lectures on security and society

RIYADH, March 19 (SPA) — Maj. Gen. Muhammad ibn Ayyesh, director of Riyadh police, lectured Tuesday on "relations between security men and society."

Ayyesh spoke of security work responsibilities and how to impose security. He covered relations between patrol men, officials, and the public.

Ayyesh called for a sound base of love and understanding with the public, and implored

the public to cooperate as security men carry out their duties.

Meanwhile, the assistant director of the Public Security, Maj. Gen. Yahya Al-Musalmi, gave a lecture on "Islamic attitudes and street morals" at Ulaya secondary school.

Musalmi stressed the responsibilities of Saudi Arabian youths and their place in the structure of the society. He called on them to

preserve the customs and traditions, of the Saudi Arabian Muslim society.

Youths should join military corps, he said, and called them the broad base on which the country will achieve its ambitions.

The lecture was attended by directors of schools, students, guardians of students, and officials of education in the General Presidency of Youth Welfare and the Ministry of Education.

Jalawi boosts youth project by planting first palm tree

DAMMAM, March 19 (SPA) — A plant-a-tree week organized by the Youth Welfare Organization began Wednesday in the Eastern Province under the auspices of Governor Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Jalawi.

The prince planted the first palm sapling and said he hoped the week will boost afforestation activities and increase green spaces in the Kingdom to halt the desert advance.

In a speech on the occasion, Abdullah Faraj Al-Sagor, director of the Youth Welfare office in the province, said that the week will help citizens realize the importance of a tree and become accustomed to cooperating with the government in preserving trees. Green spaces, he added, are the lungs of the city; they temper the climate by lowering temperature, keeping away dust and beautify streets and squares.

During the five-day week, more than 6,000 sapplings of various types will be planted. Contributors are the governorate, Dammam

Austrian visit planned

RIYADH, March 19 (SPA) — Austria's Federal Defense Minister Otto Ross will arrive here Saturday on a short visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan.

During the visit, the Austrian official and Prince Sultan will discuss military cooperation between the two countries.

Representatives chosen for Koran reading contest

RIYADH, March 19 (SPA) — Muhammad Makki Hidayatullah and Fuad Mustapha Kamal have been selected as Saudi Arabia's representatives to the International Koran Reading Competition in Mecca. Both men have fully memorized the holy Koran for the contest to be held April 11.

Amin Attas, deputy minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments said Wednesday that Makki

won first place in a local competition organized by the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments at a city level. Makki received 95 points out of 100 and was followed by Kamal who received 92 points.

Representatives of Koran memorization groups in Riyadh, Mecca, the Islamic University and the Koran Memorization School of Medina were the judges of the local contest.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 19 (SPA) — The Ministry of Interior announced Wednesday it is offering training courses at the prison academy of Prison College in Sudan for secondary school graduates. The three year course will include two years abroad and one year in Saudi Arabia. Graduates will obtain the grade of lieutenant in the Home Security Forces.

JEDDAH, March 19 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen Wednesday received Salim Salam, the chairman of the board and director of Middle East Airlines Air Liban who arrived Tuesday at the invitation of Saudia.

RIYADH, March 19 (SPA) — Riyadh Police director, General Muhammad ibn Aish, gave a debate on "civil defense-Riyadh community relations". This was meant to encourage mutual cooperation for an effective security guidance. He also called for cooperation with the people to achieve a better safety for the society.

MANAMA Bahrain, March 19 (SPA) — Heads of Gulf songs festival contestants met here Tuesday under Bahrain deputy minister of information, Sheikh Issa bin Rashed al Khalifa. They pointed out the results and the achievements of the three-day festival in which Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the UAE participated. They also hoped future contests achieve higher and better results. They agreed to encourage Gulf nationals to improve their situation in songs which can reflect the Gulf heritage.

RIYADH, March 19 (SPA) — Sheikh Rashed bin Issa and Mr. Abdul Latif Al-Tuani arrived here to attend the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula horse race tournament that will take place next Monday. Both head delegates from their cities. Prince Bandar bin Fahd bin Saad, deputy chairman of monitor-

ing committee, and assistant director of Farusiah society, Mr. Abdulla Bassal welcomed them at the airport.

JEDDAH, March 19 — Pakistan International Airlines is holding a week-long food festival in Jeddah next week. The festival featuring traditional Pakistani dishes, is to begin at Albadr-Sheraton Hotel on March 25. The PIA and Albadr-Sheraton are collaborating in organizing the show. This is the second Pakistani food festival to be held in Jeddah. The PIA had organized a similar week-long show last year at Hotel Meridien on the occasion of the Pakistani handicrafts exhibition held there. The show has a big success. The PIA Chief, Mr. Enwar Jamal, will arrive here shortly to attend the inauguration of the festival.

WEATHER

Temperatures will drop in most areas.

Medium and low clouds will cover most areas, and thicken in the southern region and the south-western highlands. There may be thunderstorms in these areas.

Winds will be northerly to north-westerly and moderate. They will cause occasional sand haze in the northern, central and southern regions.

Seas will be moderate. Wednesday's temperatures (maximum minimum in centigrade)

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Jeddah	21	19
Riyadh	25	17
Dhahran	26	16
Medina	27	17
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Sudan opposes military bases in M.E., Red Sea -- Numeiri

DOHA, March 19 (Agencies) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri said in an interview Wednesday his country opposed the establishment of foreign military bases in Somalia, south Yemen and Oman and thought it vital to keep the Middle East and Red Sea area neutral.

The interview, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) newspaper *Al-Ithad* was reported by the Qatar news agency as Numeiri arrived in Qatar from the UAE for a

24-hour visit, as part of a Gulf tour.

"We oppose the granting of what have been called 'facilities' in Egypt and the establishment of foreign military bases in Somalia, Aden and the Sultanate of Oman," Numeiri said.

After the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December Egypt offered the United States facilities at its military bases.

U.S. officials said last month that Somalia, Oman and Kenya had also tentatively agreed to allow American military forces to operate from their territory in an emergency.

The Soviet navy reportedly has facilities at Aden but South Yemeni President Abdul-Fattah Ismail has denounced reports of Soviet military bases there as U.S. propaganda.

Numeiri told *Al-Ithad* he was working on a plan for a joint Arab political military and economic strategy to restore Arab and Palestinian rights which he would put to the next Arab summit meeting.

He also said that Sudan was improving relations with Iraq.

Numeiri was quoted as saying that he would send an envoy "soon" to Baghdad to deliver a message from him to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

S. Yemen, Djibouti urge peace in Horn of Africa

ADEN, March 19 (RI) — South Yemen and Djibouti have called for peace and stability in the Horn of Africa based on respect for national sovereignty and lack of interference in other countries' internal affairs.

A joint statement issued Tuesday night after a visit to Aden by Djibouti's Prime Minister Hamadou Barkat Gourist, the first to South Yemen by a leader of the former French colony, added that cooperation was vital between all the countries bordering the Red Sea.



President Numeiri

Sudan, Ethiopia begin talks on healing rift

NAIROBI, March 19 (RI) — Official talks have started in the east Ethiopian town of Asmara following last week's agreement between Ethiopia and Sudan to eliminate problems existing between the two neighbors.

Addis Ababa radio monitored in Nairobi Wednesday said the first round of talks were between Suleiman Faghiri, commissioner of the Sudanese border province of Kessala, and Fiku Wole Tensaye, chief administrator of the Ethiopian Red Sea province of Eritrea.

Last week Sudanese First Vice-President Gen. Abdul Majid Hamid Khalil and the secretary general of Ethiopia's ruling Provisional Military Administrative Council (PMAC) Fikere Selassie Wogderess signed a communique in Addis Ababa agreeing to work together on problems existing between the two states.

The communique said the two governments would meet regularly to discuss peace and security on their common border.

Ethiopia has in the past accused Sudan of supporting guerrillas in Eritrea. There has been speculation among diplomats in the Ethiopian capital that the rapprochement could herald an attempt to end the 18-year war through negotiations.

Syrian students to form militias

DAMASCUS, March 19 (RI) — Syrian students have decided to establish armed militias to help defend the government of President Hafez Assad, the Syrian News Agency SANA reported Tuesday.

The decision was made at an emergency meeting of the National Federation of Students, called following recent rioting in several towns in northern and central Syria. The authorities have blamed the banned Muslim Brotherhood for the unrest.

The farmers' union has agreed to mobilize

500,000 peasants to fight "counter-revolutionaries."

SANA said Assad had received a cable of support from the General Federation of Palestinian Workers in Syria which condemned "the lowly criminal acts by the Muslim Brotherhood gangs against our heroic Syrian people."

Assad has charged the United States, Egypt and Israel with attempting to undermine Syria because of its opposition to the Camp David peace accords.

Somalia briefs U.N. on Ethiopia raids

UNITED NATIONS, March 19 (RI) — Somalia has charged that 47 persons were killed and a large number wounded in a series of recent attacks by Ethiopian aircraft against Somali towns and villages.

In two separate letters to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Somali U.N. representative Ahmad Muhammad Adan said Tuesday that 32 persons were killed and 18 wounded in one raid by six Ethiopian planes against the village of Mataban in the Hirir region last Saturday.

In two bombing attacks, the same day against the village of Guri-Eel in the Galdagudd region, eight persons were killed and nine wounded, he said. He added that raids on the town of Dhusa-Mareeb on Sunday and Monday killed seven persons and wounded a large number of others.

Ethiopia would have to bear full responsibility for its "criminal actions" and for the grave consequences which might result, the envoy told Waldheim.

Zia meets Chinese defense official

ISLAMABAD, March 19 (AP) — Chinese Vice Defense Minister Xiao met President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq Tuesday in their second conference since Xiao arrived here last Friday leading a military goodwill mission.

No details of their talks were available except that the meeting lasted three hours and that the two leaders were accompanied by their military and foreign affairs aides.

Informed sources said, however, Pakistan informed the Chinese mission of plans to bolster Islamabad's defense capability to cope with the situation following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

As a result of the talks, the sources said, China may agree to supply limited quantities of arms for use within Pakistan for its defense.

Zia plans to visit Peking in April or May.

11 die, 50 lost as storm hits Oman

MUSCAT, March 19 (RI) — Eleven fishermen died and 50 are missing after a sudden storm hit their boats off the coast of Oman Tuesday police said.

Some fishermen managed to reach shelter and others were saved by police patrol boats. Rescue services with helicopters searched into the evening for the missing.

Winds gusting up to 100 kilometers an hour struck the capital of Muscat and visibility

was reduced to meters by dust clouds.

But the only reported casualty in Muscat was a woman who was killed when an ornamental arch fell down on her.

Storms also hit the neighboring United Arab Emirates for the second straight day. The official Emirates news agency reported gales and thunderstorms on the east coast next to Oman and a committee in Ras al-Khaimah Emirate started counting damage to crops and property.

Libya, Malta sign defense accord

VALLETTA, Malta, March 19 (AP) — Libya and Malta have concluded a defense agreement which would be "strengthened and extended when the time is right," Prime Minister Dom Mintoff has disclosed.

Testifying before parliament, Mintoff said that under the terms of the agreement, Libya

would give "all possible aid to strengthen the defense of the Maltese people against any eventuality."

Mintoff made the statement Monday in response to a query by opposition Nationalist Party legislator Pierre Muscat about the status of two helicopters Libya reportedly gave to Malta but still carry the Libyan flag.

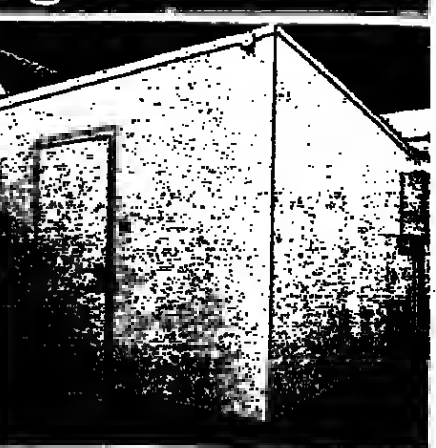
Chadli to visit Syria, Jordan, Iraq

ALGIERS, March 19 (RI) — Algerian President Benjedid Chadli will visit Syria,

Jordan and Iraq next week, an official communique said Tuesday night.

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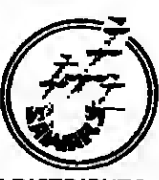
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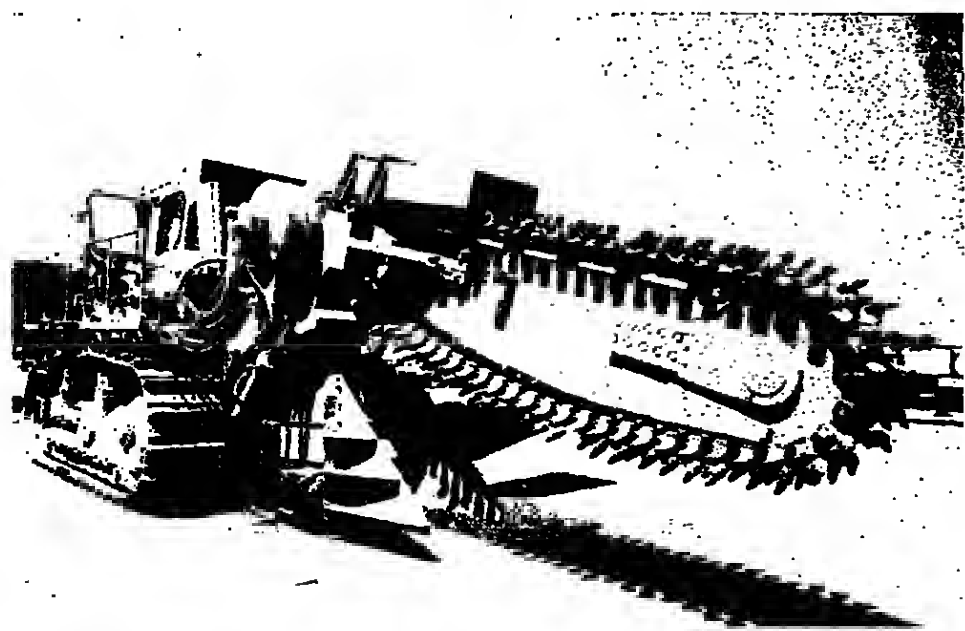
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'My visual language'

Khaled Khudr: Jeddah photographer

By Jacqueline Elmaleh

A Job

JEDDAH — This week the city sees the first photography exhibition by a Saudi artist. Photography is new to the Kingdom and blazing a trail is Khaled Khudr who has been a photographer for half of his thirty years. "Photography is my life, my visual language," says Khaled. "I want to show not the harsh, but the beautiful things I see."

Old and New

The theme of his show at the Zeiben Com-



Khaled Khudr

pound in conjunction with the Book Fair, sponsored by Saudia and the Saudi Publishing House, is "Jeddah — Old and New." The works on display which include forty enlarged (one meter by 70 centimeters) color prints are a documentary of this rapidly growing city.

"Every week there is something new, something changed in Jeddah," says the artist. "I try to record that transformation."

Born in Mecca and raised in Asir, Khaled's interest in photography began at an early age.

"Things were tough when my father died and I had to work to support the family." At thirteen, he took a job at a photography shop in Taif while going to school and playing football. It was just work at first, but soon he became fascinated with the field and by fifteen he was making portraits in the studio.

Khaled would like to have continued his studies but he had responsibilities. In 1968 he came to Jeddah in search of monucrative employment. Landing a job at Sawa, then a fledgling airline, was the first step.

To those early years with the company, Khaled travelled all over Saudi Arabia. His early assignments were with "Gen Wing," the monthly Saudia magazine. "It he didn't confine himself to aviation illustrations. In his free time Khaled explored with his camera, recording what he saw.

Recognition came in 1976 when Saudia Airlines received first prize for a calendar to which he had contributed, from the International Airline Calendar Committee. Special mention was made of Khaled's work and Sheikh Kamil Sindi presented him with a congratulatory letter.

Since then Khaled has been on the move. As staff manager for visual communications he supplied the color photography for Saudia's two guide books: the Kingdom — "Across Saudi Arabia" and "Pilgrim's Companion."

Jeddah

"The major influence on my career is the appreciation I've received in Jeddah," says Khaled. "In particular from the executives of Saudia and Mayor Muhmed Farisi too has given the greatest encouragement to me because of his artistic awareness and all round support of my work."

Khaled Khudr's new projects, which are still at the drawing board, include three books: a new portrait of Jeddah, in collaboration with the Italian author Angelo Pesce; a pictorial of Jeddah old and new; and Saudi traditional dress.

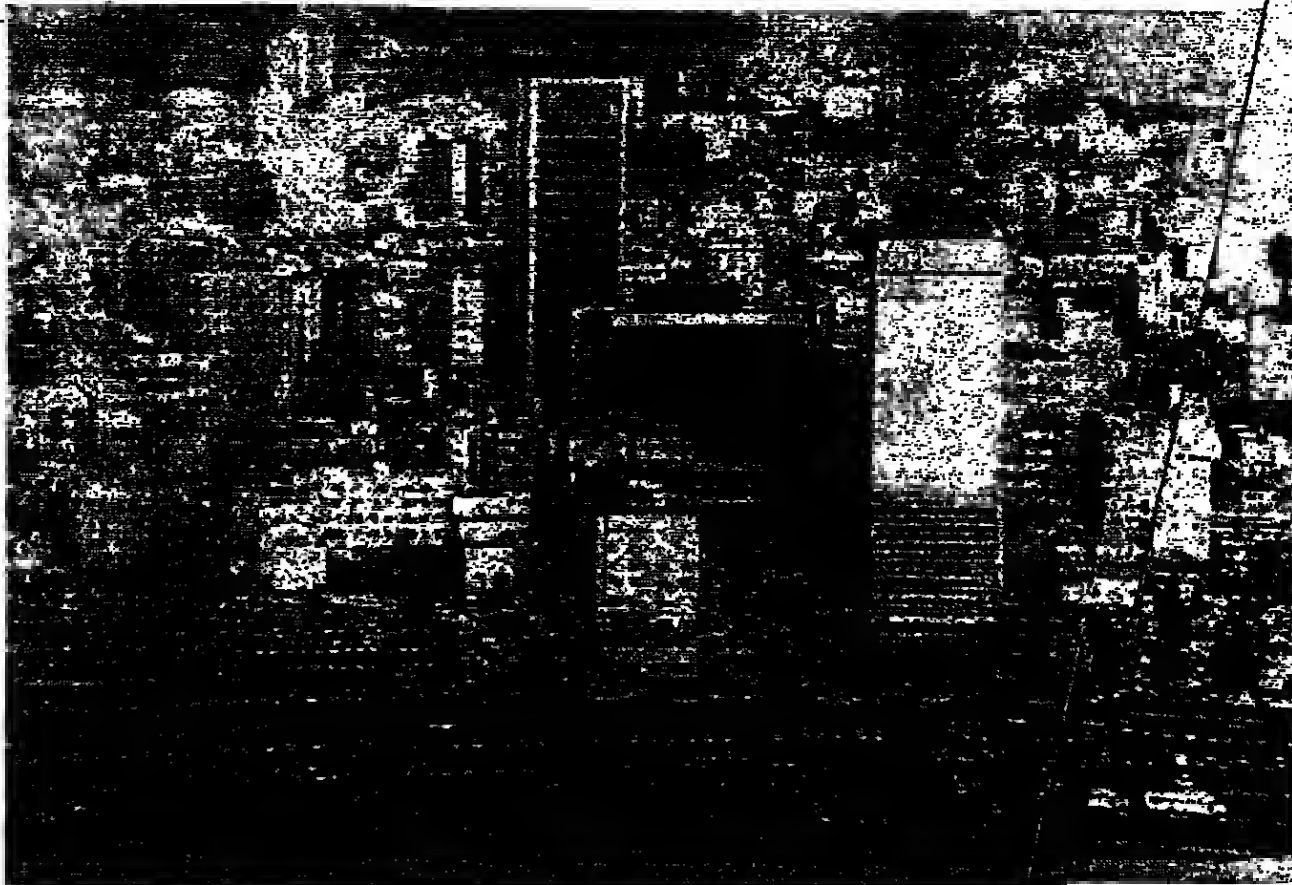
"I want to capture the images of our heritage for posterity."

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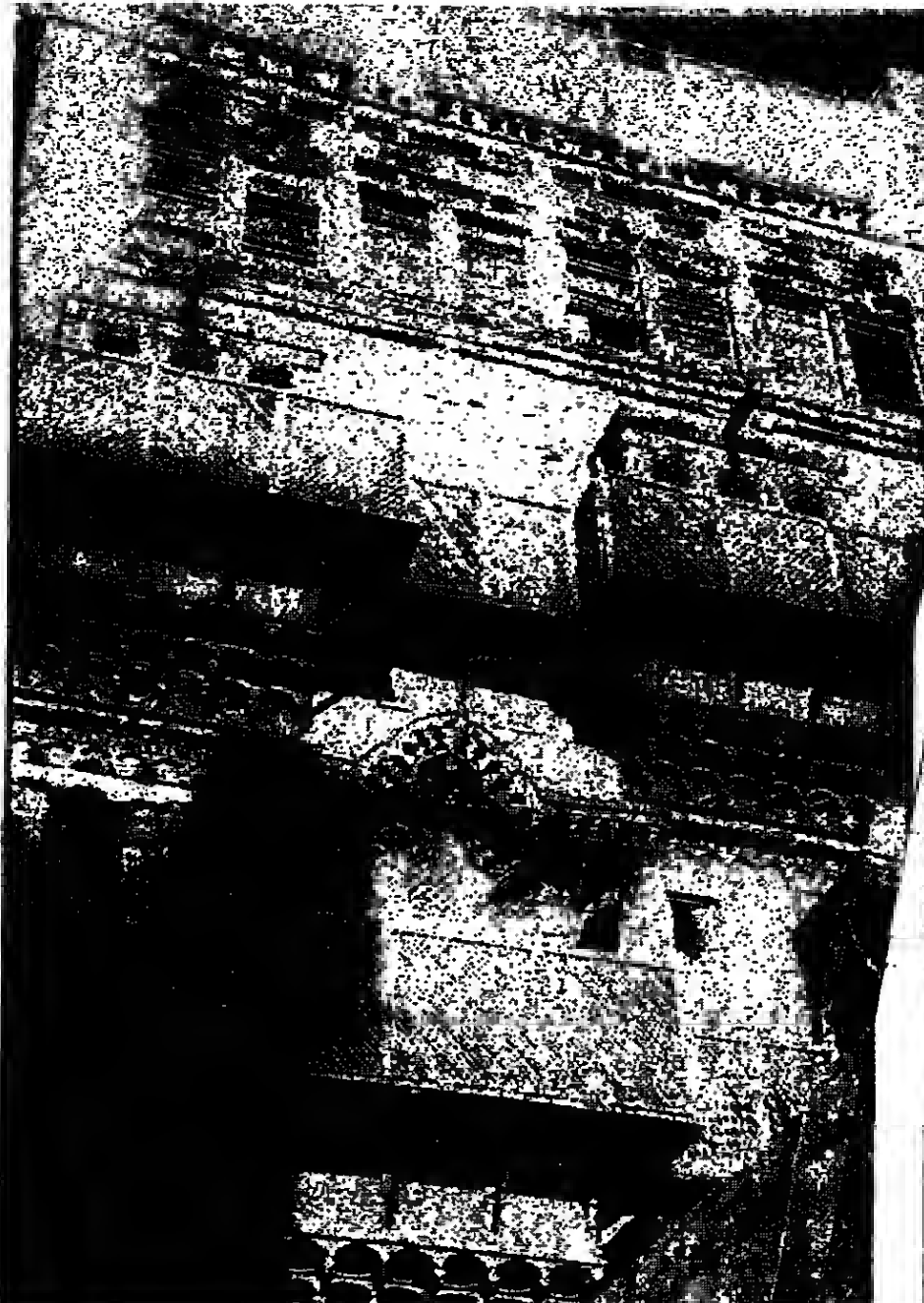
Perhaps what Khaled loves most is just taking pictures, walking along the corniche at night when the lights of Jeddah are reflected on the sea or crying over the jungle of the urban landscape in a helicopter.

"I love Jeddah. It has both peace and vitality."

(The exhibition "Jeddah — Old and New" is open from 10 each evening until Friday, at the Zeiben Compound near the Caravan shopping center.)



An aerial view of Jeddah's city center



The facade of the Banaja house



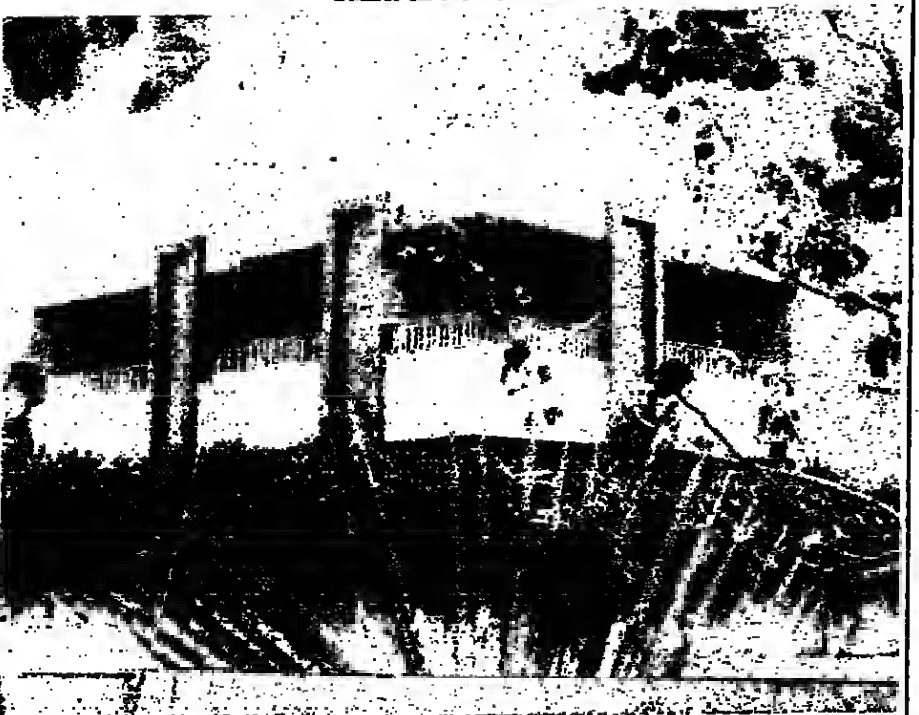
A study of the traditional carved balconies of old Jeddah



A sculpture, inscribed in Arabic with a quote to "Jeddah, bride of the sea"



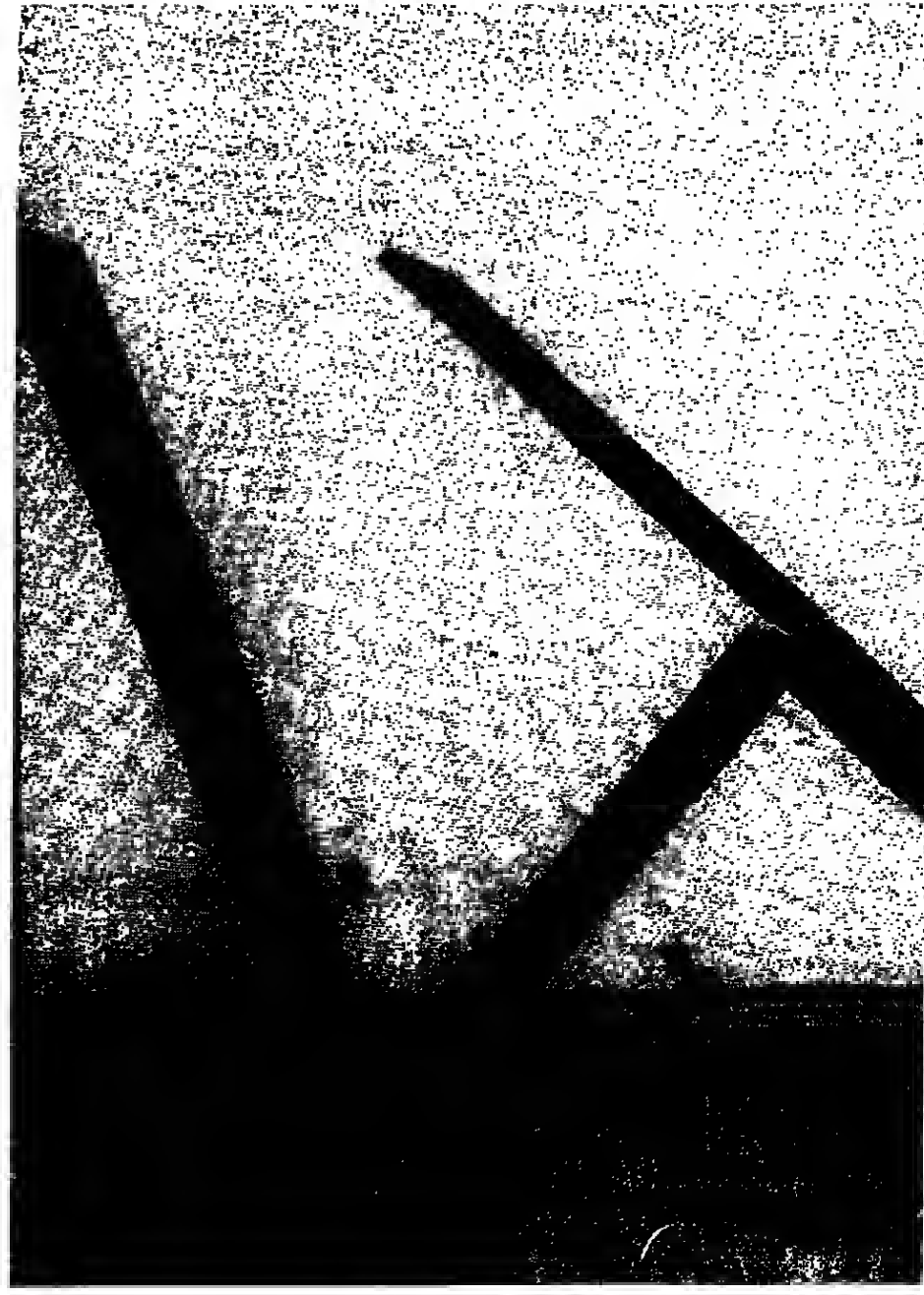
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Community news

By Staff Writers

JEDDAH— The Jeddah Concert Committee has once again brought a musician from Europe. He is Ludovic de San, 36, a baritone from Belgium, director of the Musical Academy in Waterloo and a teacher at the Royal Conservatory in Brussels. He will give a recital at the Continental School on March 21 at 8:30 accompanied at the piano by Mme. Caroline Haffner, de San has already performed in Jeddah, on Tuesday at the house of the Belgian ambassador and Mrs. Andre de Schutter.

Fair

A Spring fair is being organized by Jeddah Prep at the school on March 27 at 4:00 p.m. Prizes include round trip tickets for two to London and Rome.

Fashion

Le Faubourg at the Redec Plaza presented its Spring Collection Wednesday night before a large audience of women. New designs are in bright, and attractive patterns and prints and will be on sale at Le Faubourg boutique from next week.

Bazaars

On March 26 the two women's welfare

societies, Al Khairiya and Al Faisaliya, are both having bazaars. The former is holding an international bazaar at its premises on Mecca Road. It will be opened by Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsin, acting governor of Mecca and will be open to men at 9:00 in the morning. Evening will be reserved for women when Princess Lulua bint Faisal is expected to pay a visit. The Al Faisaliya is putting on a Pakistani bazaar at the Meridian Hotel to be inaugurated by Princess Husa bint Khaled. Tickets, including a fashion show, are SR50.

DHAHRAN— After pouring over 500 entries the 5 judges of the Swissair Photography Contest at the Al-Gosaibi Hotel decided on the winners. Grand Prize Winner is P.W. Stroud from British Airways Corporation for his entry entitled "Hmma." Winner of first prize for the animals section is Mr. J.A. Reeve for his photograph of a goat by a tree while P. Combatis took second prize for his photograph of a donkey. In the landscape category, J. Bobillier took first prize with his study of dunes seconded by J.P. Tomsden. Treatment of dunes. Bobillier also won second prize in the children's and the sports categories with his "Girl with Kerchief," and "Girl on Horse." First prize in each of these classes was won by Scott's "Black Boy," and

P.J. "Williams" "Boy with Skateboard."

Visitors

Visiting Kobar and Dhahran this week was Herr Poschenrieder, attache of the German embassy in Jeddah. He is to make regular trips to the area to meet the German community and carry out embassy duties in the Eastern Province.

Yard of the Month

Robert and Nguyet Schillo won the March "Yard of the Month" award from the Aramco Dhahran Garden Group. The colorful garden feature masses of bright annuals, especially beautiful in this springtime weather, and the unusual feature of geodes for the borders. The hollow crystal-lined rocks are found in abundance in the Eastern Province, and form a pleasing contrast in shape and texture to the fragile blossoms in the garden.

Drama

Third grade Aramco schoolchildren brought their production of "The Revolt of the Foolish Molar" to elementary schoolchildren at Dhahran Academy. The musical, which teaches elementary dental hygiene, delighted over 800 schoolchildren. The Aramco cast had previously performed it for Aramco audiences of children as well as for the community's Dental Clinic.

"Vienna Woods"

An Austrian delight in Al Khobar

By Gregory Llewellyn

AL KHOBAR— To judge the building by its exterior, one would not suspect what lay inside. There is nothing to distinguish it from its concrete neighbors, just off Al-Khobar's 28th (Pepsi Cola) Street, only a blue neon sign above the door proclaiming the premises to be the "Vienna Woods" sets off the building from its surroundings.

Inside, however, is another story: wood overhead and underfoot, with rough-hewn beams running transversally across the ceiling and buttressing the white-washed walls, wire-brushed planks to partition rooms into cozy nooks, and hickory shutters opening into dining alcoves lit from above by electrified egg baskets and axle wheels — all the look and feel of the Austrian countryside. We watched as one couple after another stepped through the doors, faltered and gaped.

What is not simulated about "Vienna Woods" is the building materials themselves. All that timber — from the knot-holed tables down to the log cabin walls — had been imported from Austria in three separate containers and put together by an Austrian car-

penter, Franz Leissing.

"It began as a joke," the manager, Harald Rinderer, admitted as we sat over coffee in the downstairs dining hall which opened for business less than two months ago.

Rinderer, with a family history in catering and several Austrian restaurants of the same ilk as "Vienna Woods" behind him, met Amin Ballout, General Manager of Dammam's Al-Nemer Hotel, at the Hotel Training School in Salzburg. Between them, they spent two to three years planning to transport the homely comforts of an Austrian country restaurant to the shore of the Gulf.

The necessary ambience would be provided by an unoccupied farmhouse owned by one Herr Blum in the vicinity of Bregenz, an Austrian city of some 30,000 near the Lake of Constance where Austria, Switzerland, and Germany rub shoulders in some of the most magnificent of Europe's scenery. The facade of this 380-year-old structure was carefully dismantled — much to the amusement of local wags — and packed off to Saudi Arabia where it was carefully reassembled by Herr Leissing, inside out as it were, so that the exterior logs of the farmhouse became the paneling of certain of the alcoves in the restaurant.

The carpenter works like a troll, from eight in the morning until 11 at night, hammering, sawing, and wire-brushing the wood into a convincing facsimile of an Austrian interior. Customers may still have the pleasure of hearing the thud-thud-thud of Leissing's tools to conjure up visions of Thor's mighty hammer.

But to hear these knocks, they will have to hurry: Leissing has less than a month to go before he finishes with the 30-seat upstairs dining room, after which he will return to Austria.

Already word has got about the Eastern Province's German-speaking population, and the restaurant resounds nightly with the language of Schiller and Goethe. It resounds, as well, with the brass and accordion oompah-pah of Austrian music, spun out on cassettes by such groups as Jaeger Trio and Gute Reise. The music heightens the illusion of having flown 1,500 miles in stepping six inches across the door sill of "Vienna Woods." Particularly the German-speaking customers appear content to sit and listen for hours on end, brooding over their steins of non-alcoholic beer or musing beside inverted carafes filled with apple juice.

through a list of temptations less familiar to Anglo-Saxon ears.

At the suggestion of the head waiter, Peter Krassnig, I ordered a gypsy concoction called "Ziegeuner Spies." Slabs of beef, skewered on a pear-handled iron spike, lay steaming amidst mounds of Balkan rice, sliced pepper and marrow. It might well be believed that the kitchen spice cabinet had been ransacked to produce such a dish. One mouthful of poivron and paprika was enough to recall that, in the days before Archduke Ferdinand was gunned down in the streets of Sarajevo, Hungary and Austria were joined in a culinary, as well as a political, union.

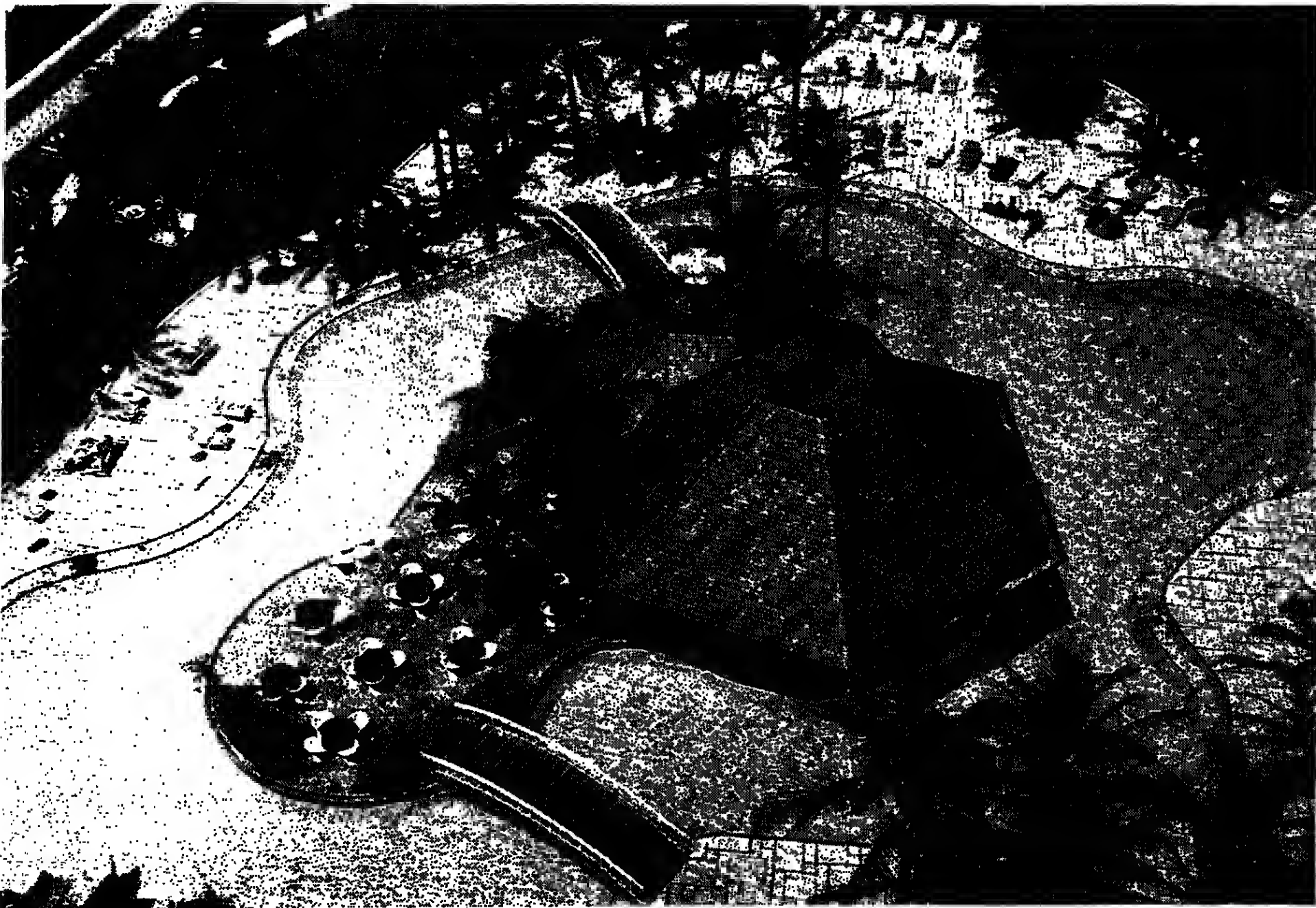
Although neither of us had room for sweets after such a gargantuan repast, who can resist the siren call of Austrian pastry? Appels-

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truedel — Ausgezogener Apfelstrudel for those who really care to know — is baked at "Vienna Woods" in 80 centimeter lengths, slices of which arrive at the customer's table in solidly packed cylinders of flaky crust. Coffee "mit schlag" completed a meal which was probably as unsparring of our waistline as it was of our wallet. Extra effort at squash may reduce the former (we hope), and what one pays is not out of line with the quality of the raw ingredients, many of them fresh the skill with which they are cooked, and the quantity in which the portions are served. Rinderer confided to us that the restaurant imports

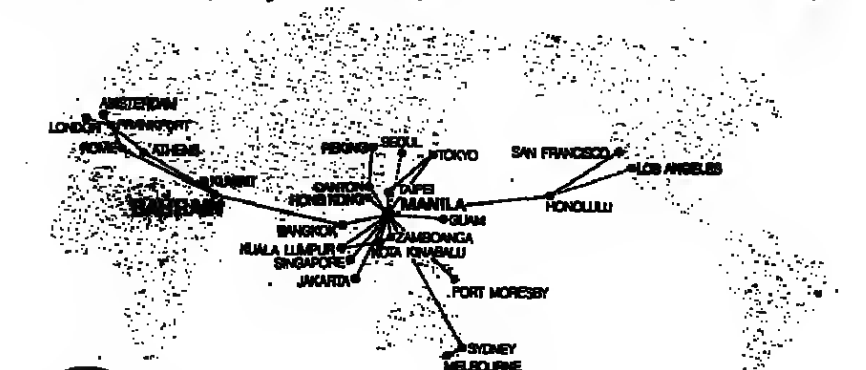
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Visions of the Austrian countryside are conjured up by "Vienna Woods."

Visual, auditory, olfactory, and tactile: All a man's senses are gratified in specifically Teutonic fashion, down to the nub of the apple-green and cherry-red place mats aligned on the massive boards which serve as dining tables. One almost forgets the sense which restaurants exist chiefly to serve until one's month begins to water at the smell and then the sight of the opulent food of "Vienna Woods."

Our meal began abstemiously enough with nibbles of celery stalk and ordinary hot dog rolls lathered with French butter. But all thought of these crudites was quietly banished by the soup: a clear and succulent broth in the case of my dinner partner with shreds of pancake drift in what the menu called "frittatasuppe." My own onion soup with a cheese crust, served piping hot, would have won the accolade of Escottier.

The meat came next, in copious quantities. A dish called "Rahm Schnitzel" bears tender morsels of veal half-submerged in a lake of cream, while waves of white, buttery spatula lap the shores of the platter.

If veal in cream is not to one's taste, there are half a dozen other preparations of this Austrian specialty, beginning with — what else? — Wiener Schnitzel and proceeding

only its snails from Austria, relying for the rest on local sources and suppliers. With a service charge of 15 per cent, SR170 sufficed to feed a two some lavishly.

The chef is a youthful Austrian cook by the name of Peter Muller. He copes single-handedly, and rather frantically, with orders while two Indians tidy up about him. Since Peter speaks only German, one of the Indians Hindi, and the other yet another undetermined Indian language, they communicate almost exclusively in sign language. The effect is humorous, rather like a silent movie performed at double speed, but the lack of a common language appears in no way to impair the efficiency of the kitchen or to render the food prepared there any less tasty.

Restaurants like the "Vienna Woods," which have an ethnic and intimate ambience rather than the standard, bland international are the exception rather than the rule in the Eastern Province. If this one proves successful, others may succeed elsewhere in the kingdom.

Open from 11:30 in the morning to three in the afternoon for lunch and from 7 until 11 in the evening for dinner, the "Vienna Woods" awaits the popularity it will undoubtedly come to enjoy.

Kiosk

Goings on about town

Jeddah

Monday, March 24

The Jeddah Light Opera Society will hold its annual general meeting at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wittrup at 8:00 p.m. The new committee is to be elected at the meeting.

Riyadh

Thursday, March 20

The King's Camel races are to be held at the Al Janadriyah Racecourse north of Riyadh at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Over

1,000 camels will be racing in the two events.

Dhahran

Thursday, March 20-Thursday, March 27

The exhibit of oil and govt paintings by Ziad Jundi continues at the Arab Heritage Gallery. Open daily 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 4-7 p.m. Prince Saad Street off Pepsi Cola Road.

Friday, March 21

The Khobar Tennis Tournament Ladies Singles Finals begin at 12:30 p.m. Al-Khodari courts at Northrop, Khobar.

Sunday, March 23

The Society of Petroleum Engineers sponsors a talk by Ken Ferguson, Remote Sensing Specialist from USGS, Jeddah. He will speak on "Geological Mapping of Saudi Arabia by Earth-Satellite Imagery Techniques." Meeting is open to the public. Dhahran Aramco Dining Hall East Wing at 7:15.

El Salvador stores, factories reopen after violent day-long general strike

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador March 19 (Agencies) — Business and industry reopened here Tuesday after a leftist-organized general strike and a violent uprising closed down the capital Monday, while bombings and firefights left at least 53 dead.

Intense gunfire was heard throughout San Salvador late Monday night but there were no reports of violence on Tuesday.

Leftist guerrillas and government security troops battled throughout the country Monday.

The violence began after a powerful bomb exploded in the agriculture ministry, destroying the facade of the building and several offices. Other bombs went off in at least a dozen agriculture ministry offices in other cities and districts, in what the government claimed was a coordinated terrorist campaign.

No group claimed responsibility for the agriculture ministry bombings.

Rightists, angered at the ruling civilian-military junta's land redistribution plan, were suspected of joining in the fighting between leftists and government troops.

The junta has expropriated more than 600,000 acres of El Salvador's best farm land to distribute to peasants — a move which was known to anger the country's extreme right.

Hundreds of soldiers ringed the University of El Salvador in the capital and exchanged gunfire with leftists barricaded inside. Officials claimed the leftists had many weapons inside the university.

Most stores and businesses in San Salvador were closed and public transportation was shut down Monday after the United Leftist Movement — a front of four mass leftist organizations — called the one-day general strike.

Meanwhile, El Salvador's ruling junta defended itself against charges of human rights violations made by the London-based Amnesty International organization.

At a press conference in the presidential palace junta member Antonio Morales Erlich said he believed Amnesty International, a worldwide human rights advocacy group, was a worthy body but had been misinformed about El Salvador. An Amnesty International report accused government

troops of killing hundreds of peasants and indulging in large-scale repression.

Morales Erlich said the Salvadorian people proved they knew the truth of the situation by largely ignoring a two-day strike called this week by a broad-based left-wing organization, called "The Revolutionary Coordinator of the Masses."

Another member of the junta, Col. Adolfo Arnoldo Majano said the national guard and security forces were under the strictest orders not to abuse their power and that officers had been punished this week for mistreating suspects.

Civilian junta member Ramon Abalos, a medical doctor, said Amnesty International appeared to be unable to distinguish between repression and armed clashes, such as the gunbattle on Monday between heavily armed leftists who occupied a ranch and troops sent in to clear them out.

Twenty three militants died in that incident.

The junta has been under intense pressure in recent months to respond to demands from leftist groups for land and banking reforms.

In Portugal

Peasants face loss of seized land

MONTE-MOR-O-NOVE, Portugal, March 19 (AP) — Stirring collective cabbage and kidney beans over an open fire, Marcelino Jose says he is too old for farm work, but not too old to fight for his job.

"If they try to take back the land, I will protest," he says. His voice echoes the defiance of hundreds of peasants in Portugal's Alentejo farm belt who oppose government orders to give back land they seized from wealthy and absentee owners m—ve years ago.

At 66, Jose is bent by years of stooping and he is missing half a dozen front teeth. He and his wife lost their home last September, when an order from the non-party government of prime minister Maria De Lourdes Pintasilgo took it away.

The incident is not one he is likely to forget. Before 610 hectares of the Communist-run "Bento Gonçalves Popular Cooperative" were surrendered, two of Jose's fellow workers were shot dead by police — the Republican national guard recently mobilized in strength for the first time by new Prime Minister Francisco Sa Carneiro.

Sa Carneiro's center-right government,

Portugal's 12th since a 1974 revolution ended 50 years of rightist dictatorship, says it is committed to returning more than 500 Communist collectives to their previous owners. The return program, begun nearly two years ago under a socialist government, is only 10 per cent complete.

Encouraged by Communist leader Alvaro Cunhal and former revolutionary leader Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, peasants like Jose say they will resist further turnovers.

Scores of angry farmers already have clashed with the guard, but their first shouts of "down with Sa Carneiro" have been drowned out by the snarls of police dogs and the sound of retreating peasant tractors as barricades are surrendered.

With every turnover of a collective, however, the feeling seems to grow that the farmers should turn their scythes and axes on people they blame for taking away their livelihood.

"Those who are met with violence have the right to reply with violence," argues Carvalho, one of a handful of military officers who led the revolution and who seeks a comeback as a presidential candidate.

Cunhal's Communist Party also incites action, telling collectives that the Sa Carneiro government is violating constitutional land reform, a charge termed propaganda by the prime minister's men.

Standing beside the clay cooking pots to which he has been "retired" at a salary four times that of pre-revolution, Jose seems no less determined than the younger men.

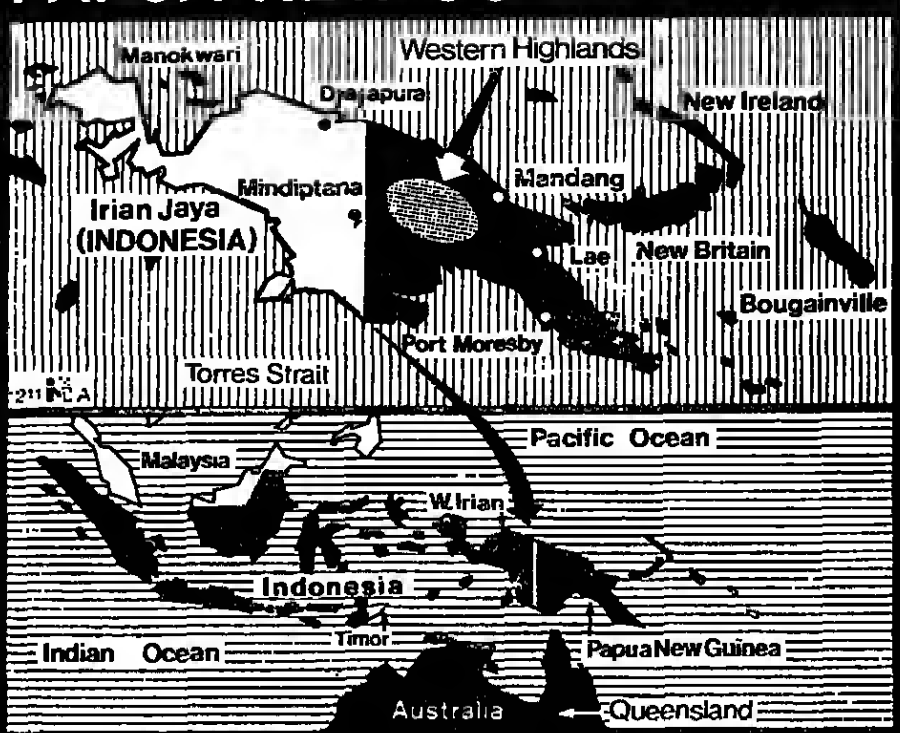
If he loses his house again, he insists, he will not leave the land where he has worked since he was 7 years old.

"I will go live under a tree with my wife," he says. "But first I will protest."

Government officials in Lisbon say that apart from the illegality of the land seizures, many of the collectives have squandered post-revolution subsidies, misplanted, mismanaged and overfertilized. Portugal's agriculture production at best remains uneven, its food imports costing more than one billion dollars annually. Most production still is behind revolution figures.

Jose's cooperative, however, appears to be well run a distinction the land return program does not fully recognize.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Uncertainty plagues Papua after Somare defeat

SYDNEY, March 19 (R) — Papua New Guinea has entered uncertain political waters with the parliamentary defeat of Michael Somare, the master strategist who has led the country since independence five years ago.

Somare, 43, the dominant political force in the primitive South Pacific nation since Australia ended its colonial rule, was beaten 57 to 49 in a shock vote of no confidence in Parliament.

The removal, for the time being at least, of the prime minister credited with forging a united Papua New Guinea from its 700 disparate tribal groups has profound implications for the nation's future.

He hands over to the opposition leader, wealthy ex-businessman Sir Julius Chan, a nation of three million people, rich in minerals and with a reputation for political maturity envied by many developing countries.

But the big question is whether a period of political instability is in store for Papua New Guinea, without Somare, whose tactical skills in Parliament enabled him to keep a firm reign on government.

The soft-spoken Sir Julius, 40, was backed by no less than five opposition factions in unseating Somare and he must now maintain cohesion among this diverse

group if he is to take on the problems of his young nation.

Splits appearing in Sir Julius' new government — his supporters were united chiefly in a desire to get rid of Somare — would be his hands in coping with the problems of tribalism and separatism which have reappeared in the last 12 months.

Australians do not underestimate the difficulties facing the government of Papua New Guinea. At the time of independence in 1975 much of its tribal population did not even grasp the concept of nationhood.

Outside the cities the people often wear little beyond a bunch of leaves, were split into thousands of warring tribes by thick jungle and the island's mountainous spine.

The main weakness of the fledgling nation came from secessionist movements, including those on the smaller island of Bougainville and on coastal Papua.

Somare clung to his vision of a united Papua New Guinea and managed to defuse the separatist challenge by giving the movements key leaders cabinet jobs and according a degree of autonomy to the regions.



Sir Julius Chan

The deft political footwork succeeded in holding the country together without resort to force. Papua New Guinea, rich in commodities like copper, coffee, and cocoa, also began taking strides towards economic self-sufficiency.

Most of the credit for the Papua New Guinea success story went to Somare. But

in recent months the political tide slowly turned against him and few could have realized the end was near.

Things started to go wrong last year when Justice Minister Mrs. Nabau Rooney was jailed for contempt of court for her moves in a deportation case and Somare released her after only one night in jail.

A bristling confrontation between the government and the judiciary over their respective powers ensued. Four judges resigned and prisoners rioted throughout the country.

Somare was criticized for being imperious in his handling of the dispute. His failure to seek a compromise with court was seen as a reflection of the frictions within his own coalition government.

In spite of his own popularity, Somare's Pangu Party had always needed the support of another party to remain in power. But his coalition partners, the United Party, complained that he rarely consulted them.

The coalition finally crumbled in January when a faction of the United Party, disgruntled over a cabinet reshuffle, bolted to the opposition benches, setting the stage for Somare's downfall in the no confidence vote.

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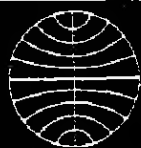
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Soviet disease tied to biological agent

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP) — The U.S. State Department has said that an outbreak of disease in a Soviet city last year "may have resulted from the exposure of large numbers of people to some sort of lethal biological agent."

It was the first time that the department has commented on reports in the Western European press that hundreds of Soviet citizens died near Sverdlovsk, in the Ural Mountains, in April 1979.

Department officials denied that the timing of the statement was intended to persuade other nations not to participate in the Olympics.

Department spokesman David Passage said the evidence was being discussed with the Soviets in Geneva, where a review conference on the 5-year-old treaty banning

biological warfare agents is underway.

Passage declined to go into detail about the evidence the department has. He would not identify the biological agent supposedly involved or say whether the department was certain that deaths occurred.

Other officials, speaking privately, pointed out that Sverdlovsk is a city closed to Americans. They said the United States has no first-hand, clinical evidence. "But there is enough smoke to make us curious about whether there is a fire," one official said.

The Soviets have consistently denied the reports of accidents involving biological weapons.

One report was published on Feb. 13 in *Bildzeitung* of Hamburg. It said that more than 1,000 people had died after an explosion spewed deadly bacteria into the air.

On New Delhi blind

Official denies attack

NEW DELHI, March 19 (AP) — A ranking police official has denied that blind demonstrators were attacked in a charge by cane-swinging policemen last weekend. He claimed that the incident, which created a national uproar, was pre-planned to arouse sympathy for the demands of the blind.

"We are not happy with what happened," said P.R.S. Brar, 38, deputy police commissioner. "But we have not gone mad (that we) would conduct a Lathi (cane) charge on the blind."

A spokesman for the demonstrators said police violently broke up a march to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's residence, where demonstrators intended to ask for improved welfare facilities and special tax exemptions.

Brar said Tuesday that trouble erupted when marchers defied police who tried to steer them down an approved route to Mrs. Gandhi's house. Three demonstrators and two policemen were slightly injured and 117 of the blind arrested. Mrs. Gandhi's government has ordered a judicial inquiry. Brar

showed a reporter a police intelligence report, dated Saturday and marked secret, which said the blind "might block traffic and stage a sit-down." It was signed Y.S. Jafa, deputy police commissioner, special branch. Few major Indian newspapers failed to condemn the police behavior. Mrs. Gandhi expressed "deep regret" at the incident.

Both houses of Parliament took up the matter on Monday and opposition members walked out when Home Minister Zail Singh referred to the reported police cane charge as an "alleged" act.

During an interview Brar displayed a New Delhi newspaper account which said blind demonstrators struck fellow marchers with walking sticks in the confusion. He said it was likely that the blind inflicted more injuries than the police.

Violence by blind groups was not uncommon in the Indian capital, he told reporters.

Five complaints filed by blind persons last year accused other blind residents of assault, battery, illegal entry and rioting, he said.

On U.S.-bound tomatoes

Dangerous pesticide used

CULIACAN, Mexico, March 19 (LAT) — Residues of a highly toxic German pesticide prohibited for use on tomatoes and vegetables in Mexico and the United States have been found on Mexican winter tomatoes bound for U.S. markets.

The pesticide, called Celathion, has been used illegally on tomatoes and some cucumbers here for at least seven years by several major growers, the *Los Angeles Times* has learned. However, the pesticide was identified on the tomatoes — but not on any other vegetables — for the first time only three weeks ago in U.S. Food and Drug Administration lab tests at the border.

Amounts of the chemical residue on the tomatoes have been minute and do not pose an "imminent health hazard to the consumer," according to an FDA spokesman. The long-term effects of the unregistered chemical are known, he said.

Since the chemical was identified on Feb. 20, six truckloads of tomatoes have been turned back at the commercial border crossing at Nogales, Ariz. another 98 truckloads were quarantined briefly and released after clean lab tests.

For the past decade, growers in the north-

western states of Sonora and Sinaloa have supplied U.S. consumers with nearly half their mid-winter tomatoes. More than 85 per cent of the tomatoes consumed at this time of year on the U.S. west coast come from Mexico.

An FDA spokesman said there is no way to know exactly why government labs had not detected traces of the pesticide in previous seasons. Because the pesticide is degradable, he said, any residue levels may have been so low that they were undetectable.

Officials said they had no way to estimate what, if any, health hazard illegal use of the chemical may have caused over the years for U.S. and Mexican consumers.

An FDA lab expert said that although the pesticide is not "systemic" and therefore he would not expect to find it "in" the fruit, "you probably can't wash all of it off because some of the celathion is absorbed by the tomato skin."

U.S. officials closed the border to three major growers and, when informed of the problem, Mexican Agriculture officials in Mexico City ordered those three packers closed late Wednesday.



DOUBLE DUTY: Unemployed Swiss teacher Eric Moanier of Geneva enters the barracks at Lausanne with his six-month-old son to start three weeks of duty in a training unit. He had asked military authorities to postpone the service obligation, saying his wife is working and he has to care for the baby. Authorities sent him home to find a babysitter and told him to report back in three days.

Criticizes Japanese fishermen

American urges probe of dolphin slaughter

TOKYO, March 19 (AP) — An American conservationist seeking an end to the slaughter of dolphins by Japanese fishermen urged the Japanese government Wednesday to hold an official inquiry on the problem.

Jim Nollman also appealed to environmentalist groups in the West to delay until April 15 a boycott of Japanese products planned to protest the killings. He said he needed more time to "work out a solution."

Nollman made his remarks at a foreign correspondents club seminar. A representative of the Japanese Foreign Ministry also attended and, although claiming he was out there in an official capacity, presented the government's stand on the issue.

The official, requesting that he not be iden-

tified, told the Associated Press he was "surprised" at Nollman's proposals. The government, which has been embarrassed over the slaughter in recent weeks of hundreds of dolphins by fishermen of Iki Island, has said it welcomes "constructive suggestions" for solving the problem.

Nollman, who witnessed the slaughter, spent five weeks in the Iki area testing accusatorial equipment that he claims is effective in driving dolphin herds away from the island.

Nollman, a conservationist working on his own, called the mass slaughter "unnecessary and cruel." The fishermen said they killed the dolphins because they devour vast amounts of fish that the fishermen depend on for a living.

"There's no doubt that the fishermen have a dolphin problem," Nollman said. "The answer is not to kill them. The problem is overfishing." A study by the World Wildlife Fund estimates there are 300,000 to 400,000 dolphins in the area.

Nollman, saying he was giving purely personal opinion, suggested an immediate end to the \$100 bounty paid to the fishermen for each dolphin killed, compensation for the fishermen on days when swarms of dolphins prevent the fishermen from going out to sea, that a public inquiry be held, and more research be done, to end the controversy once and for all.

"I'm an idealist, but what I'm asking for is a cease-fire at Iki. The solution is at hand," Nollman said.

'Alternative' psychologist Fromm dies

LOCARNO, Switzerland, March 19 (AP) — Erich Fromm, the eminent German-born American authority on psychology, died at his home in suburban Muralto Tuesday, family sources said. He would have been 80 on Sunday.

Fromm was rated as one of the world's leading figures in the psychoanalytic movement, and was an oft-cited proponent of "alternative" lifestyles. Among his pioneering works were *Psychoanalysis and Religion*, *Healthy Society*, and *The Art of Loving*.

Fromm felt Western man was a product of his culture and that he became estranged from himself in industrial society. His key concern was how man could come to terms with his isolation, insignificance and doubt about the meaning of life.

Fromm was a vociferous critic of what he felt were radical "vulgarized" interpretations of Sigmund Freud's theory of Repression of conflicts into the subconscious mind as being at the root of psychoneurotic disorders. These radicals called for abolition of all moral-religious barriers limiting the professed freedom of the "principle of lust."

Fromm held that psychoanalysts, like theologians, should waken the "voice of the conscience," appeal to a patient's morality. He was saddened at what he felt was a process of self-alienation in Western culture, "indifference toward oneself and toward others" and recommended a return to a simpler lifestyle.

He sympathized with "humanitarian" forms of religion as expressed in the teachings of Jesus and Buddha and in Jewish and Christian mystics, but opposed what he viewed as "authoritarian" forms of religion, citing Lutheran and Calvinist Protestantism.

A native of Frankfurt, Fromm emigrated to the United States when Adolf Hitler launched his anti-Jewish campaign following the 1933 Nazi takeover in Germany.

He lectured at several American universities, including Columbia, Yale and New York University and for several years was professor at the National University of Mexico. He settled in Muralto, outside Locarno, in the late 1960s, and is survived by his third wife, Annie Freeman Fromm.

His other famous works included *The Forgotten Language*, *The Sane Society*, *Sigmund Freud's Mission*, *The Dogma of Christ* and other essays on *Religion*, *Psychology and Culture*, and *To Have or to Be*.

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Lopez Portillo wants crude output increased

MEXICO CITY, March 19 (R) — President Jose Lopez Portillo said he wants Mexican oil output to exceed an earlier self-imposed 1980 ceiling, an increased flow which would partly offset cutbacks planned by members of OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The president urged oil workers in a speech Tuesday night to try to produce between 2.5 and 2.7 million barrels daily this year. Mexico, not an OPEC member, had set itself a ceiling of 2.25 to 2.5 million barrel which it expected to reach in mid-1980.

Its 1979 production averaged about two millions of which just under half was exported.

The United States, its major customer, regards Mexico as a valuable, nearby source of crude and would ideally like it to push up towards the four million barrels daily which it could probably produce, oil industry sources in London said.

But Portillo has stressed that Mexico wants to avoid the "financial indigestion" which too great an influx of oil revenues would cause.

The London sources said they believed Mexico could reach the president's 2.7 million barrels target before the end of 1980.

They said the flow into the world oil balance of 450,000 extra Mexican barrels daily would far from cancel out planned OPEC cuts.

The industry believes these could reduce total OPEC output to below 29 million barrels daily, compared with 31.5 in 1979, and Saudi Arabia alone might come down by one million.

But they said that, depending on the rate at which Mexico sells the oil, the increase could, with rising North Sea output, have some effect in trimming likely 1980 OPEC price rises.

Portillo said the increase would obviously mean inflationary pressures in Mexico but added more oil revenue was needed to maintain an annual eight per cent economic growth rate.

The head of the Pemex state oil company, Jorge Liaz Serrano, said Mexico's proved reserves of petroleum — oil known to be present and able to be produced at an economic price — had increased from 45.8 to 50 billion barrels.

This is about one-third those of Saudi Arabia. Mexican reserves are the sixth largest in the world.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7.00 P.M. Wednesday

	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.32	7.45
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	185.00
Swiss F (100)	188.00	193.00
French F (100)	76.00	77.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	40.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	99.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	97.00
Egyptian Pound	—	79.50
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	4.50
Jordanian Dinar	—	12.15
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	11.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	90.00
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Iranian Rial (100)	—	8.88
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Yemeni Rial (100)	—	74.00
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Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.40	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.83	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	110.00	118.00
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	162.00	163.90
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Philippine Peso (1,000)	—	—
Singapore	—	1.55

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On British government

Steel unions apply pressure

LONDON, March 19 (AP) — Union leaders sought to boost pressure on workers and Britain's Conservative government Tuesday as a strike by more than 100,000 steel workers wound up its 11th week with no end in sight.

Reacting to reports that the strike has had only a minor effect on industrial production and that enough steel is getting through to give many industries a four-week supply, rail union leader Sid Weighell called for a total clampdown on movement of steel through Britain.

He complained that while railwaymen have blocked delivery of 75,000 tons of steel, truckers have been making deliveries and threatening the state-owned British rail network with "long-term damage with perhaps permanent diversion to road of steel traffic."

Weighell served notice on other unions that the National Union of Railwaymen might reconsider its blockade in support of the steelworkers unless steel movement by road is stopped. The International Transport Workers Federation office in London called on members worldwide to prevent steel getting to or through Britain.

Government figures indicate the since the start of the strike, which has cost strikers 726 pounds (\$1,600) each in lost earnings, industrial production is down only about 5 per cent with 2 per cent directly attributable to the British steel shutdown.

Press reports have described a sort of industrial Dunkirk, with a host of small shipments from Europe evading pickets at ports, sometimes disguised under crates of vegetables. Weighell said the blockade has sometimes been bypassed by assigning fictional destinations to steel shipments and switching the destination en route.

Meanwhile Eddie Coulson, leader of 100,000 public service union members, joined a previous call by Weighell for all unions to mount a one-day general strike to protest the economic policies of the Conservative government, which has refused to intervene to settle the steel walkout.

Elsewhere, a 500-ton steel consignment remained at all depots in the English Midlands despite a high court order against railworkers' refusal to handle it.

Weighell had ordered workers to obey the law but not cross picket lines. Three hundred striking steel workers descended on the yards, and British rail truck drivers refused to pass their lines.

Banks follow Chase Manhattan

Prime rate hits 19% in U.S.

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP) — The cost of business loans in the United States jumped Tuesday for the fifth time this month as Chase Manhattan Bank and the First National Bank of Chicago raised their prime lending rate to a record 19 per cent.

Chase Manhattan, which had moved to an 18 1/4 per cent rate on loans to top-ranked businesses March 13, also said it is instituting a special loan rate for small businesses. The small business rate is pegged initially at 18 1/4 per cent.

First National Bank of Chicago raised its prime rate from the 18 1/4 per cent level it set last Friday. The prime stood at 16 1/4 per cent on March 1, and was at 15 1/4 per cent before the latest round of credit-tightening by the Federal Reserve began in mid-February.

Chase, America's third-largest bank, said its decision to raise the prime "is consistent with the philosophy and programs outlined by the president and the Federal Reserve to exercise discipline and restraint in lending."

The prime rate is not directly tied to rates on consumer loans or home mortgages. But those rates have been moving up as well recently, the result of the Fed's actions that are attempting to slow the economy and stall 18 per cent-a-year inflation.

The move to a higher prime rate had been expected because President Jimmy Carter's anti-inflation program unveiled last Friday contained several regulations which increase

the cost of the money banks borrow from the public.

Among the program's features were new surcharges on bank borrowings from the Federal Reserve and increases in reserve requirements — the amount of each deposit banks must set aside in cash — on some large accounts.

The prime rate has been rising sharply in recent weeks. Chase raised its prime rate to 18 1/4 per cent last week and other major banks leaptfrogged Chase by increasing prime to 18 1/2 per cent.

The Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust, the First National Bank of Chicago, the First National Bank of Boston, the First Pennsylvania Bank, the Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, the Marine Midland Bank of Buffalo and the Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh followed Chase's lead.

Heavy trading rallies market

NEW YORK, March 19 — The market traded mixed throughout the morning hours with blue chips holding the Dow to the plus side turned lower at midday Tuesday giving up its earlier gains in a broad decline as much as 5 points. A late afternoon rally recovered losses moving the Dow sharply higher in heavy trading.

Chase Manhattan raised its prime to 19 per cent from 18 1/4 per cent effective immediately at 10:13 a.m. and set a small business rate at 18 1/4 per cent also effective immediately. U.S. housing starts fell 6.3 per cent in February, 9.2 per cent below a year ago. U.S. business inventories rose 0.9 per cent in Jan. to \$432.27 billion while retail inventories were down 1.1 per cent to \$108.47 billion. U.S. personal income rose an adjusted 0.3 per cent in Feb. and the Savings and Loan Assoc. reported savings rate in deposit gains were down 43 per cent in Feb. F.R.B. chairman Volcker said monetary restraint still key policy, last weeks control announcement only supplemental to that policy.

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OPEC oil ministers meet in May

KUWAIT, March 19 (AP) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah was quoted by Al-Wakeel daily as saying Wednesday that OPEC oil ministers will hold an extraordinary meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, May 5.

Sheikh Ali said the conference would discuss a report by OPEC's strategy committee,

he did not elaborate.

The Venezuelan Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said earlier that the extraordinary meeting will discuss the Organization's pricing policy, OPEC's aid to developing countries and relations between OPEC states and oil importing nations.

Congress works to balance budget

WASHINGTON, March 19 (R) — Congressional economic specialists have pushed ahead with proposals to put the U.S. national budget for 1981 into surplus without waiting for President Jimmy Carter's list of cuts.

The House of Representatives Budget Committee called its first meeting since Carter announced his program of spending cuts.

Committee member and House Democratic leader Jim Wright said the majority party would propose \$21.9 billion in budget cuts to produce a \$1.8 billion surplus for the 1981 financial year starting on Oct. 1.

Carter has withheld details of the plan he outlined last Friday to cut \$13 to \$14 billion in federal expenditure to balance his revised budget.

France, Kuwait discuss oil supply

KUWAIT, March 19 (R) — Two French firms have started talks here for the supply of Kuwaiti crude oil to France, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Anba said Wednesday.

Sabah and French Industry Minister Andre Girard during President Giscard d'Estaing's visit earlier this month.

A French spokesman said then that the ministers had agreed in principle that Kuwait supply oil direct to two French companies, Compagnie Francaise de Petrole (CFP) and S.A. Elf Aquitaine.

It quoted oil ministry officials as saying the talks followed an exchange of letters between Kuwaiti oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al



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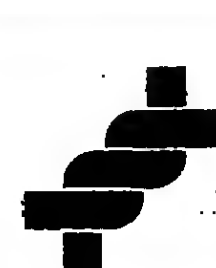
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U.S. feels 'satisfied'

Alternative Olympic progress reported

GENEVA, March 19 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter's special envoy Tuesday reported progress in mapping plans for a "Post-Olympic International Sports Festival" offering an alternative to athletes boycotting the Moscow Olympics.

Summing up the results of two days of closed door talks between representatives of 12 countries, Lloyd Cutler, the White House representative, told a news conference the U.S. feels "satisfied" with progress made here.

Cutler said the proposed late summer festival for "world class athletes" could be held in several clusters of venues scattered all over the world. Plans are to have the events cover-

Kuwait will go to Moscow

KUWAIT, March 19 (R) — Kuwait will compete in the Moscow Olympics, the secretary of the Gulf state's Olympic committee said.

Isa Abdulla Al Deshti said "the committee was convinced it was necessary to attend this important sporting event to be held in Moscow and held that politics must be kept out of sport."

Deshti added that the Olympic committees of the Gulf states will meet in Riyadh on April 2 to 4 to coordinate their positions on the Moscow games.

Saudi Arabia was the first country to announce it would boycott the Moscow Olympics in protest against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and was one of nine nations, including the United States, which decided in Geneva to go ahead with plans for a world sports festival.

U.S. Sports Briefs

NEW YORK, March 19 (UPI) — Figure skater Linda Fratianne has ended her 11-year amateur career and has signed with the prestigious William Morris Theatrical Agency. The 19-year-old Olympic silver medalist earned the bronze medal in the recent world championships in West Germany despite an ankle injury.

Frontrunner Bob Weldrich of Mississippi has withdrawn his name from consideration for the head basketball coaching job at Duke.

Toronto Maple Leafs general manager George "Punch" Imlach will coach the team for the rest of the season. He takes over for Floyd Smith, who suffered a broken knee cap in an auto accident last Friday. Smith was released from a hospital Tuesday.

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ing virtually all of the 21 sports featured at the Olympic games. Cutler said they would be open to all countries, whether they were boycotting Moscow or not.

He said negotiators at the Geneva meeting had been in steady contact with officials of the International Olympic Committee, which has opposed the boycott idea. "There will be nothing (in the festival) that would be in any way harmful to the future of the Olympic movement," Cutler commented.

Cutler declined to go into specifics who asked whether any of the major broadcast networks had already been contacted.

He reiterated that the U.S. was confident that many of the major sporting nations would not go to Moscow and thus demonstrate their condemnation of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Therefore, he explained, it was felt necessary to offer top athletes of these countries other opportunities to compete.

The Geneva meeting was jointly proposed by the United States, Australia, and Britain and was also attended by Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Kenya and the Netherlands. Portugal, Costa Rica, Canada, the Dominican Republic and the Philippines sent observers.

Douglas Hurd, British minister of state, told reporters he was "encouraged" by Monday night's House of Commons vote supporting the British government's call for a boycott.

Asked whether he was not concerned

about the results of British public opinion polls suggesting that the government was out of step with popular sentiment, he said the trends in the polls were "understandable because Afghanistan no longer makes news headlines."

"But the actual situation remains unchanged, the Soviet Union is still committing aggression," he said.

In London British sports officials appeared as determined as ever Tuesday to take athletes to Moscow Olympics.

Sir Denis Follows, Chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA), said the vote, 315 to 147, made little difference. The association meets next week to decide whether to send a British team, but has already indicated it plans to do so.

"The fact that about 150 members of Parliament did not vote seems significant," Follows said. "Feeling of members of my committee have been rather stiffened by government pressures."

Olympic officials have the backing of two public opinion polls which were two to one in favor of British athletes competing.

The BOA appeared more concerned with the problem of raising funds to send a team. At the moment it is 400,000 pounds (\$800,000) short of its target, partly because donations have slackened since the Soviet action in Afghanistan and U.S. President Jimmy Carter's call for a boycott of Moscow.

Morocco meets Nigeria in Cup

LAGOS, March 19 (R) — Morocco, who gained a shock win over champions Ghana on Sunday, will attempt to beat hosts Nigeria in the semi-final of the African nations' soccer cup here.

The penultimate stage of the tournament is dominated by North African countries, with Algeria clashing against Egypt at Ibadan in an other semi-final match.

Morocco have been boosted by their surprise performance against Ghana which took them into the last four after an uncertain start to the preliminary games when they drew 1-1 with Guinea and lost 0-1 to Algeria.

Morocco are a vigorous side whose hard-running display was a key factor in their victory over Ghana and could well tilt the balance against Nigeria, who were unbeaten in the three group matches.

The game between Algeria and Egypt is expected to be a close one, for the rivals are evenly matched.

Algeria were also unbeaten in the group matches, and finished top of their section while Egypt's only defeat in the preliminary games was by Nigeria.

Braio Clough, the English soccer manager, well acquainted with success, looks to have an unavoidable appointment with failure in East Berlin when his club Nottingham Forest face Dynamo Berlin in the European Cup.

Forest, holders of European soccer's most sought-after trophy, take on Dynamo having lost the first leg of the quarter-final tie 1-0 in England two weeks ago. The quality of Dynamo's performance in the first leg held out little hope for Forest, even with Clough's magical touch, making the semi-finals.

Former cup holders Celtic of Scotland and Ajax Amsterdam of the Netherlands are well placed to win two of the other quarter-finals while West German champions Hamburg take a fragile 1-0 lead to Yugoslavia for the return leg against Bajduk Split.

Clough, the only manager in recent times to have guided two different clubs to the English league title, is one of the few people who refused to accept Forest have no hope of survival.

'Love doubles' set

LONDON, March 19 (AP) — A \$146,000 "love doubles" tennis match was announced Tuesday between British Davis Cup star John Lloyd and his wife, the former Chris Evert, and Bjorn Borg and his Romanian fiancée Mariana Simionescu.

It will be played in London's Battersea Park May 19, the international management group said.

The winning pair will get \$88,000 and the losers \$58,000. Proceeds will go to charity.

'Who is that masking man?'

Hockey faces rest easier behind fiberglass

NORWOOD, Massachusetts, March 19 (Newsday) — For the last two decades Ernie Higgins has been protecting the faces of some of the most valuable goalies in the National Hockey League. Operating out of a small office in Norwood, Mass., Higgins, a former plumber who now does prescription orthopedic work, supplies his hockey clients with custom-molded, fiberglass face-masks.

However, Higgins list of customers is not exclusively made up of the several dozen (13 active) NHL goalies who have worn his masks. During the last 18 years Higgins has made almost 3,000 masks for goalies ranging upward from the "mites" level — and for several women as well.

Higgins' service, for which he currently charges \$255 per mask, is not unique, but it is rare. Among the handful of others who make goalie masks are Greg Harrison of Toronto and John Brown of Collingwood, Ontario.

When Higgins started work on his first mask, he had no intention of making a career of the project. In 1961 he was a concerned hockey fan with a son playing goalie. Higgins was so disturbed by the facial protection then available that he set out to make his own mask.

In all the world of sports few positions

have more danger associated with them than the hockey goaltender. Yet it was not until Jacques Plante teamed up with fiberglass salesman Bill Burchmore in 1958 that a real attempt was made at a functional facemask. Since Plante and Burchmore's first effort, great progress has been made in the refinement of the mask.

Though his son never made the professional ranks, the Higgins mask did. The finished product caught the attention of several goalies, but before Higgins would make other masks, he had to assure himself he was producing the safest one possible. He studied medical textbooks, looking for ways to maximize protection. To this day, he continued to look for ways to improve the mask.

The Higgins mask is custom-molded to the goalie's face. A series of plaster molds are taken of the player's face, resulting in a final mold that is an exact replica of the face. The final mold is then shaped to form smooth contours. When the mask is completed, these contours will disperse, rather than absorb, the shock of the puck. Finally, the inside of the mask is padded with foam rubber, which not only cushions the blow, but also makes for a closer, more comfortable fit.

Since Plante's experiment most goalies have opted for the fiberglass masks. However, with the coming of Vladislav Tretiak and the Soviet national team to North America in 1972, the wire cage and helmet have become a popular alternative.

John Davidson of the New York Rangers sees advantages and disadvantages to both the mask and the cage. "Weight and visibility are definitely on the side of the mask, but cost and protection are more suited to the cage," Davidson said.

Higgins, however, feels differently. "Cost really isn't a factor for most of the goalies I make masks for," he said. "Most of these players have already spent more on leg pads than my mask costs. If you're trying to save money, goal is not the position to play."

"As far as protection," Higgins said, "There are bad cages as well as bad masks. A cage is no guarantee that a goalie can't suffer a head injury."

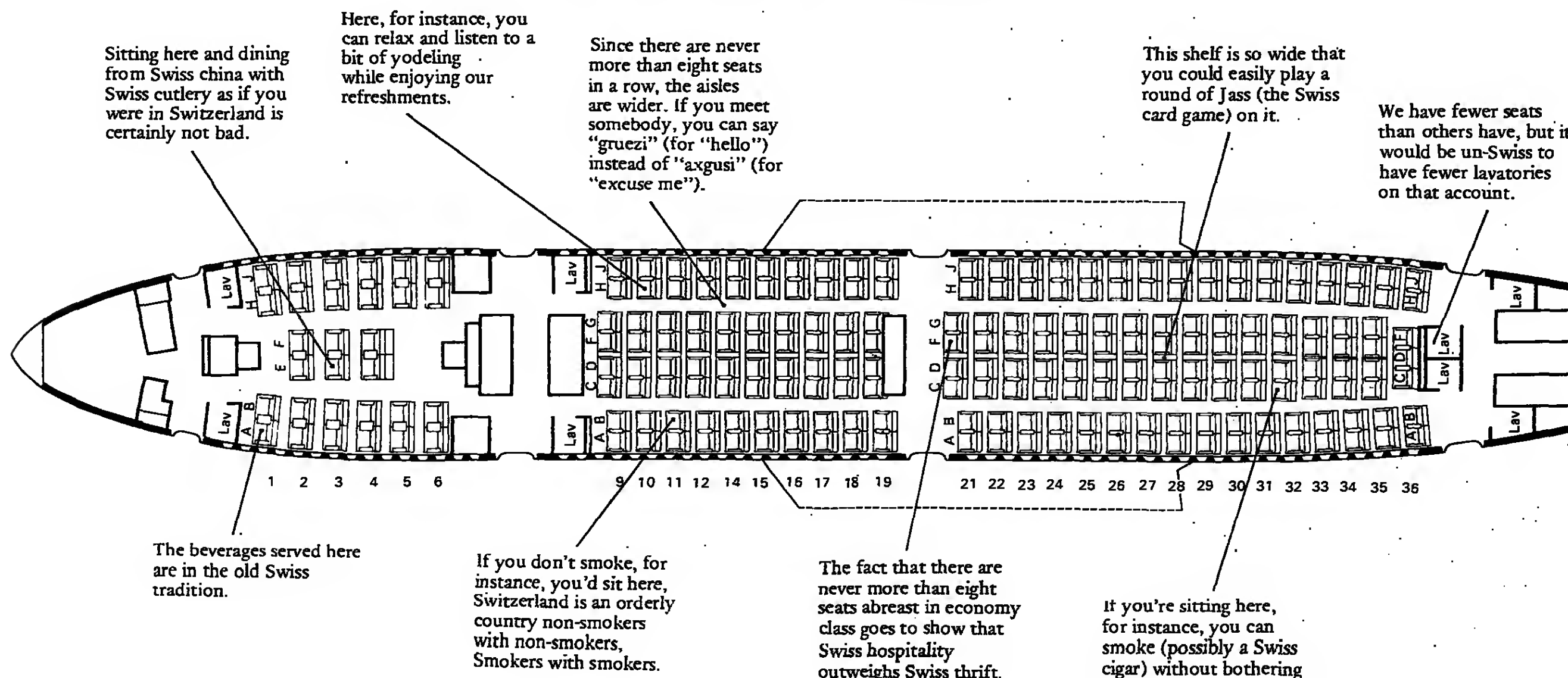
In an occupation where a man's business is only as good as his product, safety is Higgins' main concern. "In the 18 years I've been making masks, no one has been seriously hurt," he said. "That's not to say no one will ever be hurt with my mask, but we're working to keep it that way."

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Iran parliament to go slow on hostage release issue

TEHRAN, March 19 (AP) — An Iranian diplomat who met with Ayatollah Khomeini said Wednesday the U.S. embassy hostage issue will not be resolved before May 15. He said he was told the Americans' fate will not be a "priority" item on the agenda of the new Iranian parliament.

At the International Court of Justice in the Netherlands, the United States charged that the Muslim militants holding the embassy had treated their American captives harshly during the first weeks of the takeover.

In one instance, it was alleged, a militant pointed a pistol at a woman hostage and pulled the trigger repeatedly, Russian roulette-style. It was the second day of a World Court hearing in the U.S. case against Iran.

The 50 Americans at the embassy were spending their 137th day in captivity, and Iran's ambassador to Kuwait, Ali Shams Ardakani, said they face at least 67 more days in the hands of their young captors.

Ardakani just returned from Tehran, told

the Kuwait newspaper *Al-Siyassah*, "there will be no solution to the hostage question before May 15."

"I understood during my meetings with Imam Khomeini and President (Abolhassan) Bani-Sadr that all issues relating to political questions including the problem of American hostages will not be dealt with until the completion of the consultative council (Majlis) election and formation of a new government."

"The hostage question is not the only one on the council's agenda, so we are not going to give it priority on some domestic problems," he said.

Khomeini said the Majlis, Iran's parliament, must decide whether and when to free the hostages. Ardakani's report reaffirmed an earlier statement by Ayatollah Beheshti, first secretary of the Revolutionary Council, that the debate could not start until May.

The second round of elections for the new parliament are scheduled for April 4.

The vote count from last Friday's first round was continuing Wednesday. The Islamic Republican Party, whose leaders back the embassy militants' demands for return of the former Shah and his fortune to Iran in exchange for the hostages' freedom, has won 34 of the 79 seats decided so far. Supporters of Bani-Sadr, who wants to resolve the hostage issue without delay, have won 16 seats, while independents and minor-party candidates have 29. In the other 191 districts, the results are incomplete. The outcome must be decided by runoff in the second round.

Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh said after a meeting of the ruling Revolutionary Council on Tuesday night that a commission of five to seven members would conduct a thorough probe of charges of fraud in last Friday's voting.

Most of the allegations are against the clergy-led IRP, so it was considered unlikely the investigation would lead to new balloting in many of the 270 parliamentary districts.

Gold jumps back above \$500 mark

LONDON, March 19 (AP) — Gold rebounded over the \$500 mark on active world markets Wednesday after slumping to early December levels earlier this week.

The dollar was mixed with a firm undertone after leading U.S. banks raised their prime lending rate to 19 percent on Tuesday.

After trading erratically on uncertain bullion markets Tuesday — closing in New York at \$485 a troy ounce — gold recrossed the \$500 barrier in Hong Kong early Wednesday, finishing \$8.34 higher at \$504.67.

It then opened strong in London and Zurich, Europe's two major bullion markets. By mid-morning, the London price was a median \$516.50 up \$36 from Tuesday's closing of \$480.50.

The London afternoon fixing of \$527 per ounce was up from \$514 at the morning fixing, and up from \$481.50 at Wednesday afternoon's fixing.

In Zurich, the metal sold for \$517 up from \$489.

"There's just strong buying demand and a high going price," said one buying dealer.

Gold fell Monday and Tuesday to its lowest levels in three months. The Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan had led to a panicky gold rush which took the metal to an historic \$875 an ounce in New York in January.

Fund rumor sparks unrest in Zimbabwe

SALISBURY, March 19 (AP) — The newly elected government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe this week was faced with the largest wave of industrial unrest in the country in 24 years at major textile manufacturers.

Work stoppages continued Wednesday at two of the six companies affected by strikes over the past few days, but there was no immediate official comment.

Minister of Labor Kumbirai Kangai Tuesday night said the strikers were apparently prompted by a "malicious" rumor that the government planned to nationalize pension funds so that workers would lose their contributions.

"The Prime Minister, Mr. Mugabe, has already given an assurance regarding the safety of civil service pensions and I now give a categorical assurance that all money paid into pension funds by workers are fully safeguarded," he said.

Mugabe, who has said he aims eventually to establish a socialist state in an independent Zimbabwe, won a sweeping majority in February elections and is scheduled to assume his official duties when British caretaker governor Lord Soames hands over power to a ceremonial president April 18.

Mugabe last week appointed a 23-member cabinet, which was to be sworn in on independence day, along with Mugabe.

Negotiations reportedly were continuing between workers and management at some textiles in Salisbury, where about 900 workers walked off the job Monday morning, charging that one of the workers suffered racial abuse by the production manager.

A spokes man for a steel fittings factory, also in the capital area, refused to comment. Five of the commercial concerns hit by strikes were in Salisbury, and one in Bulawayo, involving a total of about 2,000 workers — the most number of employees on strike since several thousand coal miners walked off the job in the western city of Wankie in 1956.

Employees at the affected factories reportedly were demanding higher pay, reflecting bleak expectation that the new government immediately would fulfill promises of a higher standard of living.

Black urban unemployment was estimated at 20 per cent, but the bulk of the seven million black majority lived in rural areas where it was difficult to determine full employment.

Australia ahead in cricket Test

LAHORE, March 19 (AP) — On the second day of the third and final Cricket Test, between Pakistan and Australia Wednesday the home team was 42 for the loss of one wicket in reply to Australia's first innings of 407 for seven declared.

Alan Border remained unbeaten with 150, the fourth century of his test career. He completed his 100 in 317 minutes.

Border, who saved Australia from disaster, came up when the visitors were 218 for six wickets. He and Graham Beard added 80 runs in the seventh wicket partnership.

Another 109 runs came in the unbeaten partnership of Border and Ray Bright.

The Australian captain declared his team's first innings closed at 407 for the loss of seven wickets.

Nine bowlers were tried by the Pakistani captain to break the last partnership, but the attempt failed. Only one Australian wicket

fell Wednesday.

When the home team came to bat about 45 minutes before the close of the second day's play, Taslim Arif started hitting Dennis Lillee and Geoff Dymock and scored 31 runs in 40 minutes.

Australian spinner Bright was brought in and in his second over, he got the Pakistani wicket of Arif, caught behind by Rodney Marsh at his spin ball when Arif was only 31.

In the previous test at Faisalabad, Arif was 210, not out.

Mudassar Nazar with three runs and Iqbal Qasim with four to their credit were the night watchmen when stumps were drawn for the day.

Bright, who took seven wickets in the Karachi Test, again made a good beginning Wednesday when he took one wicket in his second over.

Thursday is the rest day. Play resumes Friday.



HAPPY MAN: U.S. Republican presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan raises his hands and smiles as he speaks to the press after primary victories in Florida, Georgia and Alabama last week. Reagan ran first in the Republican half of the Illinois presidential primary Tuesday.

Defeated Kennedy vows to fight on

Reagan, Carter claim Illinois primary wins

CHICAGO, March 19 (AP) — Ronald Reagan captured Illinois Tuesday night and gained all-but-unstoppable command of the contest for the Republican presidential nomination. President Jimmy Carter won the Democratic primary in a landslide that staggered Senator Edward Kennedy's challenge.

Reagan easily defeated Representative John Anderson, the liberal congressman from Rockford, Illinois, and left former U.N. Ambassador George Bush a distant third.

In the slow, separate count of the contests for nominating delegates, Carter had a runaway lead with partial returns. Reagan was well ahead among Republicans.

"It's a great boost to move into the indus-

trial midwest and take a state like Illinois," Reagan said in New Haven, Connecticut, where he campaigned for next Tuesday's New York and Connecticut primaries. He immediately began talking about "the main contest" in November.

Reagan said he would not "relax too much," but the Illinois outcome left him with no formidable challenger in sight.

Anderson and Bush both insisted they would not quit. Anderson declared, "We have just begun to fight." He said Reagan can't win a presidential election and that Republicans know it.

Carter was swamping Kennedy by a margin of more than 5-to-1 in gaining the greatest prize yet of the Democratic campaign.

The Illinois defeat cost Kennedy the very state he once had said would be his arena for a comeback against Carter.

Kennedy, in New York, soberly acknowledged defeat and said, "My campaign now goes to New York, and New York will be a referendum on what is the direction of the Democratic party."

Kennedy, who was already in New York on Tuesday, said he believes it "essential" that he make a strong showing in New York, but even if he doesn't he vowed, "I will continue."

Bush's poor showing in the Republican election put in doubt his ability to mount a meaningful challenge to Reagan. Like Kennedy, Bush had once had said the contest would be a watershed. Like Kennedy, he said defeat would not force him from the race.

With 67 per cent of the precincts counted, it was:

Carter 532,621 or 65 per cent.
Kennedy 247,910 or 30 per cent.
California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. had 3 per cent.

With three-quarters of the Republican vote counted:

Reagan 302,302 or 48 per cent.
Anderson 221,484 or 35 per cent.
Bush 79,919 or 13 per cent.
Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois had 2 per cent.

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